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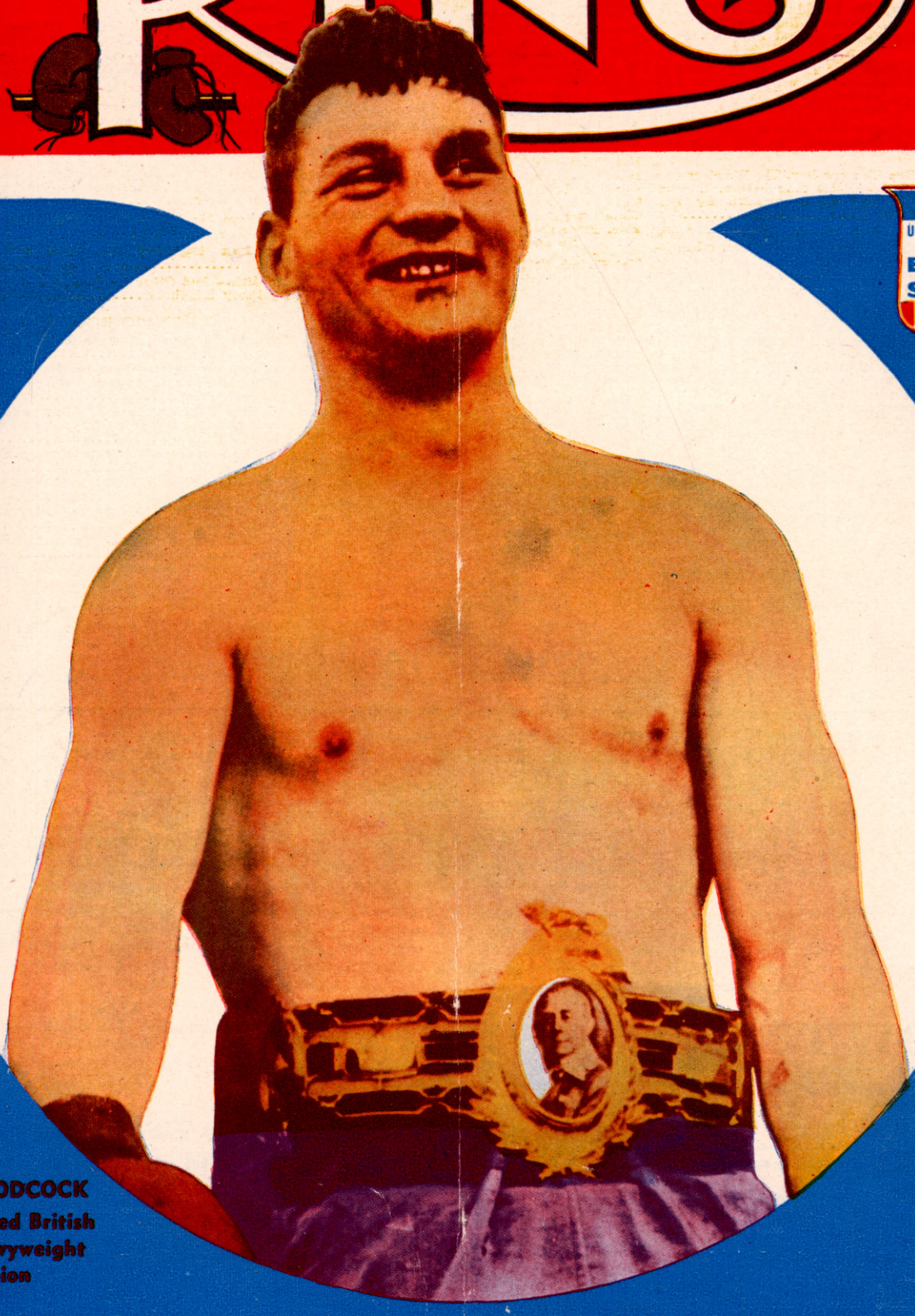

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WOODCOCK INTRIGUES AMERICAN FIGHT FANS

New British Empire Heavyweight Champion's Right Hand Makes Him Look Like a Possible Contender for World Title

By NAT FLEISCHER

ALREADY there is a growing international angle in the heavyweight situation, and it promises to keep right on increasing until it becomes a vital part of the tremendous boom which will break out in boxing as soon as we clean up the Japs.

Tied up with this picture is the rise of Bruce Woodcock, Yorkshire railroad worker, to the heavyweight championship of the British Empire.

On Tuesday, July 17, at the Tottenham Hotspur football grounds in England, with some 38,000 fans looking on, Woodcock knocked out Jack London in the sixth round. A succession of rights to the jaw did for the 32-year-old veteran, who had taken the title from Freddie Mills.

Beating London was not, in itself, a tremendous achievement for Woodcock. But those who know the game say that the manner in which Bruce accomplished the job, his punch and poise, stamped him as possibly the best heavyweight the British ring yet has produced.

Woodcock scaled 182 pounds for the contest with the faded and never highly regarded London. The new champion is a well-set-up machine, and favors the right hand.

Before disposing of London, Woodcock won nineteen straight, most of them with that short right of his.

English estimates of Woodcock run from the highly enthusiastic to the downright cautious.

Most of the experts over there believe that Bruce may turn out the hardest hitter the class has developed in the Empire, and that in time he may prove a real contender for the world title.

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A WRITER in the London *Daily Mirror* advises Woodcock's management to go slowly with the new champion, and to stay away from the States.

"Bruce would not be a match for some of those third-rate heavies in the States," he adds.

Meanwhile, Mike Jacobs is angling for the services of the new British Empire king.

Just now, Woodcock should not come too high for the New York promoter. Bruce received only $7,500 for his fight with London, and even the way boxing is right now in New York, that would be nothing more than chicken feed. Second raters get pretty close to that for fights in the Garden.

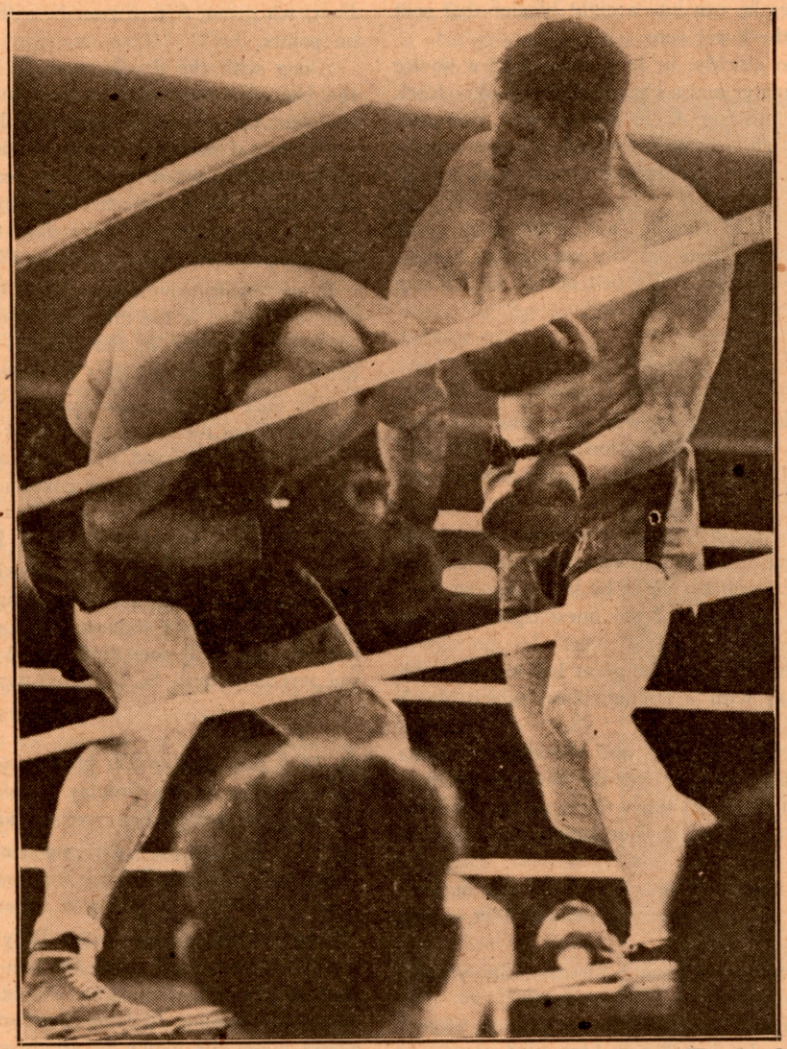
Johnny Sharpe, London correspondent for THE RING for the past sixteen years and before that a professional boxer in the United States, says of Woodcock, "He has everything—boxing brains, coolness, correct punching, gameness and ring intuition."

From another ring expert in London comes this estimate of the new champion:

"I think that England has something in Bruce. That fellow can hit. London is not a great fighter, but he never had been knocked out and Bruce K.O.'ed him as clean as a knockout could be. The fight for 5 rounds was very dull. Bruce was cool and reminded me of Max Schmeling in a way. When he landed his first right hand in that sixth, London took it full on the chin and dropped like a log, he made a big mistake when he tried to get back on his feet right away.

"I said to my pals, 'Well, boys, that's the end of him. He does not know what he is doing!' When London regained his feet, Bruce showed that he is great material. He did not rush him, took his time, just like Schmeling used to do, and when he saw his chance a few seconds later, he landed two terrific punches. They came so fast.

"You know that Woodcock is a young fellow. He came in at 182 and London at 215. That's a lot of weight, but never for a minute did London make the fight. It was always Woodcock who



Jack London (left) crumples under a shattering blow from Bruce Woodcock a few seconds before he went down for the count and lost the British and Empire heavyweight championship before 38,000 persons in the sixth round of their fight at Tottenham Hotspur.

was after London. Bruce is about the best boy I have seen here, and I'm sure that he will make very good when he gets to America—if handled properly."

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AMONG those over there who acclaim Woodcock in measured sentences was Fred Dartnell, the expert of the London *News Chronicle*. Fred wrote that Woodcock was the real thing, that he was likely to be around for quite a while. But Dartnell did not go overboard about Bruce as a world contender. Dartnell wrote:

"It must be said that London, despite his generous egg allowance in training, never shaped like a winner. He was cautious, not to say apprehensive, although there was nothing very serious or damaging in the blows which Woodcock landed on him.

"Woodcock boxed very carefully and took no risks. Once in the fourth round, when his opponent tried to step on the gas, he was inclined to mix matters, but from his corner came sharp reproval: 'Don't slog,' and Woodcock subsided again to cool, calculating methods.

"Woodcock took one or two wicked punches, all the same, but his quick foresight and the masterful direction of his arms usually kept him out of trouble.

"Still, every round of the fight was very interesting and, as Woodcock's nose had been bleeding furiously in the fifth round, he came up looking serious for the sixth.

"Some of us remembered that Woodcock had never fought more than six rounds, and we wondered if the extra weight—two and a half stones—and London's big punching, would prove too much for him. As a matter of fact, it was London who was the slower now, and after two minutes he ran into a right hander that sent him out of the ring under the lower rope.

"He got up quickly—too quickly, in fact—more like a novice than a much-experienced fighter and a champion. Then Woodcock showed his true quality by finishing off the bout in style. He measured the affrighted London with his long arms, and another smashing right sent him down to his knees, where he was counted out without making any effort to rise.

"The result should do British boxing any amount of good. Woodcock is young and clever and has the punch that counts. He was presented with the championship belt before he left the ring and ought to hold it for a while, I think."

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JAMES BUTLER, boxing expert of the London *Daily Herald*, waxes more enthusiastic over the new Empire king. He says that no American heavies with the exception of Joe Louis and Billy Conn could beat the Doncaster railroad worker. Here is the Butler view:

"Bruce Woodcock, 24-year-old Doncaster railway worker, is the new British and Empire heavyweight champion. He thrilled a crowd of 38,000 at Tottenham last night by knocking out Jack London in the sixth round with one of the finest right-hooks to the chin I have seen for years.

"A few seconds before he had sent the giant halfway through the ropes for a short count with a similar blow, which shook London from head to feet.

"He was very unsteady when he rose, and Woodcock, cool as ice, seized the big opportunity and shot over the winning punch.

"London was not 'out' in the strict sense. He rose on one knee and seemed to be waiting to get up in time before the count of 'ten.'

"But I doubt if he could have survived. Woodcock was unquestionably the master boxer and the better fighter—in fact, a real champion at last.

"I am glad that Woodcock proved, as I forecast, the winner. He has everything in his favor besides glorious youth.

"I do not think that any of America's heavyweights, except Billy Conn and champion Joe Louis will beat him.

"In fact, I should like to see him matched with Conn as a preliminary to a world's heavyweight title fight.

"The promoter, I am told, is anxious to match him with a prominent American boxer, but I am afraid that the new champion will have to wait for this chance until the war with Japan is finished.

"Woodcock's performance in winning both amateur and professional heavyweight crowns is a rare one—and accomplished after a mere score of professional fights.

"London's solatium, I understand, is £4,000 as his end of the purse. Well, he has had a short reign—nine months—as British heavyweight champion, but he has been an honest and sincere fighter throughout the 14 years of his boxing career.

"The fight was always interesting and fought with scrupulous fairness. London, who weighed 15st. 51b. to Woodcock's 13st., was never able to take advantage of his extra poundage.

Woodcock's boxing skill outmanœuvred the big fellow, and although London managed to land with occasional sledge-hammer blows to the body, not one of them caused Woodcock the least trouble.

"The Yorkshireman stood up to his job like the polished workman he proved to be. True, he got a jab on the nose in the fifth round and his face became smeared in blood, but he was quite all right.

"London's ponderous slowness was manifest. He could not keep up the hot pace set by his opponent, and although he tried to land those pulverizing right swings, Woodcock cleverly evaded them.

"I did not give a single round to London. Woodcock outboxed and outpunched and outmanœuvred him all the while."

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FROM all this about Woodcock develops the possibility that England may have a heavy of even greater class than Tommy Farr, who went fifteen rounds with the great Joe Louis, and lost on points.

Along with the development of Woodcock comes the visit to the United States of Abel Everisto Cestac, the Argentine, who was sent up to Jack Dempsey by Luis Firpo.

Cestac did not overwhelm the experts in his New York debut in the Garden, when he lost the decision to John Thomas. Cestac outweighed the American Negro by 33 pounds.

However, there are some dopesters who believe that, despite his unimpressive showing against Thomas, Cestac has the makings.

In any event, things have begun to move. The Woodcock situation, of course, is far the more interesting because the apotheosis of boxing interest in the United States is a challenge for the heavyweight championship by a reputable Briton.

Not since Bob Fitzsimmons, the Cornishman who developed in Australia, has the Empire sent over a really formidable challenger for the big title—and that with all respect due Farr. Tommy was a good boxer but just could not hit.

The most attractive feature of the Woodcock boxing repertoire is his punch. Nineteen knockouts. Punch and timing.

There lies in Woodcock the possibility that the British Empire will achieve the world's heavyweight crown. There's no telling how he would fare against our topnotchers but if Mike Jacobs has his way, he'll soon find out. At any rate, we can't take him too seriously until he is tested against our top men.

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NORMAN HURST, brother of the manager of Woodcock, writing in the Sunday Empire News, discusses the future of the new British heavyweight king as follows:

"Who will be the next opponent for Bruce Woodcock, new British and British Empire heavyweight champion? This is the question everyone is asking at the moment in the British Empire.

"First of all, we can forget Billy Conn, who knows that there is £25,000 or more waiting for him when he steps in with world champion Joe Louis. Why should he risk that by meeting a dangerous puncher like the Doncaster man, even if Mike Jacobs would allow the match to go through?

"Here are three names you will be hearing of as possible opponents—Ole Thanberg, Swedish champion, Stephen Olek, a Polish heavyweight, and Karel Sys, of Belgium.

British Seek U.S. Boxing Alliance

Managers of Bruce Woodcock, Freddie Mills and Mark Hart Eager to Show Their Fighter Under Mike Jacobs Here

By PFC. MARK FANNON

LONDON, ENGLAND:— (Special correspondence). Conferences between governments and peoples seem to be part of the post war plans. Some are for the purpose of protection; some of power, some for subsistence. In the entertainment field, many countries are trying to form some sort of alliance with Hollywood to combine in movie producing and distribution. Especially interested in this, is Great Britain, a great place for cinemaddicts.

What Hollywood is to the film industry, Mike Jacobs means to the boxing game—the top of the pile. It is not surprising then, that the big British boxing men are casting anxious eyes towards Madison Square Garden. A link up with Jacobs would make possible the appearance of the cream of American talent in the Isles. Whereas greater fame and glory would befall the British fighters if they could tangle with the world's best in big American arenas. Think of the Anglo-American angle! What a break it would be for England's good little men!

There are many big outdoor arenas where boxing could be staged on a giant scale in England. Wembley Stadium and White City Stadium, in the suburbs of London, for example, are excellent spots for boxing with seating capacities of 50,000 and more, but the changeable and damp climate of the Isles makes an outdoor show too much of a gamble. In the 25 months spent over here, we have seen no more than six days which would be considered ideal for an outdoor show. Therefore, the only dependable arenas for boxing are the out of the way Royal Albert Hall, seating 6,000, the Queensberry Club, capacity 2,000, and Seymour Hall, a place of similar size. There is not a modern gym in the heart of London where a top notcher could get a decent workout. This is the handicap that is to be found in London, the world's largest city, in comparison to cities, let us say, such as New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and Detroit.

But if England could be assured of seeing the world's best talent, then it would be to its advantage to build suitable places in order to induce the best glove throwers. The British, as they have shown time and time again, will support good boxing cards.

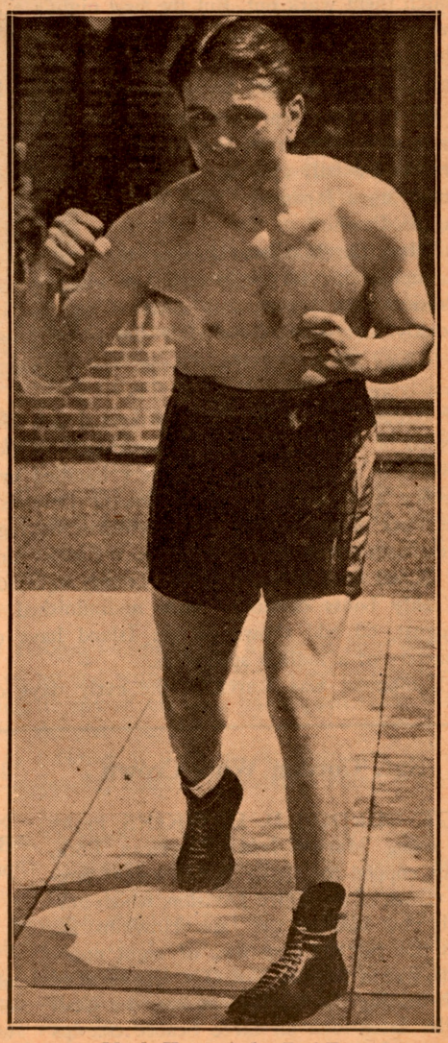
With great Anglo-American fistic possibilities in view, there are several of the leading boxing men in London stirring up a mild revolution in glove affairs. Those who claim to know, say it is this way: Three persons are racing against each other to reach Jacobs first to sign articles sewing up the promotional setup between the two countries, with the purpose of inter-changing top boxing attractions between Europe and the U.S. It would be the biggest thing yet attempted.

They say the principal parties involved are Ted Broadribb with Freddie Mills; Jack Harding and his protege Mark Hart; and Tom Hurst and Bruce Woodcock of Doncaster, who recently won the British heavyweight title.

Best known combination of this trio is of course Ted Broadribb and Freddie Mills. Ted once took over Tommy Farr to the States and you will recall that it was certainly a successful trip in more ways than one. Ted is perhaps the most experienced in international affairs, so seems to have the edge on points over the others. Then there is his fistic prize, Sgt. Freddie Mills, who is presently trading punches with his spar mates in India. Freddie, a rough, tough slugger, has been publicized more than any other Englishman during the past decade and is a juicy morsel to dangle in front of Promoter Jacobs' eyes. Both Broadribb and Mills were smart in appearing before Americans at every opportunity. Thousands of GI's were thus made familiar with Freddie.

He is a most likeable fellow. He is colorful and should make a hit in the U.S. Whether he would do better by fighting as a light-heavyweight or a heavyweight is a question. His manager, Broadribb, a wise man in the handling of famous ringmen, thinks that Mills' best bet is to take on heavies.

Jack Harding, who has been in the boxing game all his life, is presently promoting at the Queensberry Club. Jack has catered to the Yanks by making the Queensberry Club a sort of Hollywood Canteen. The club is open to Yanks and entertainment of all kinds offered to them—a smart move, and is the first time the Queensberry Club has paid dividends for some time. Jack is also grooming a heavyweight by the name of Mark Hart, of the R.A.F., former ABA heavyweight champion recently turned pro. A lot is expected of Hart but it is far too early to predict big things for the ambitious lad at this time. But he is a heavyweight and the beefy boys draw the "cabbage."



Mark Hart of the R.A.F.

Tom Hurst, least known of the trio, would like more new gold for his boy Bruce Woodcock, considered by many the most promising of the lot. Bruce is a straight hitter and showed up well when he won the Empire heavyweight crown on July 17 by beating old Jack London. This is the situation at the present time. Watch these heavyweights from now on. Hurst, it is said, is willing to sign to fight for Jacobs, but only on a one fight contract basis.

GIs Fly 2500 Miles From Saipan *to* Win Pacific Championship

By S/SGT. BOB MORLEY

RECENTLY in the Pacific Ocean Area Boxing Championships held in Honolulu, Hawaii, an unheralded team from the Marianas Islands flew over 2500 miles to compete in this tournament of champions. The team from the Marianas arrived early to train for the important fights coming directly from the forward areas. They were definitely the "dark horse" of the tournament and sports scribes were too busy declaring local fighters the favorites to watch them work out. But the first night's preliminaries changed everything. Eight of the nine-man team fought their way to the championship bracket and on the final night, seven of the Marianas boxers were declared Pacific Ocean boxing champions.

Of the nine representatives of the Marianas team, eight of these men were from Saipan, an island barely heard of over a year and a half ago, but now the stepping stone for America's attack upon Japan and "the Madison Square Garden" of boxing in the Pacific!

When the Marianas Boxing team copped seven of the nine championships they climaxed the ultimate goal of one of the physical fitness programs initiated on this island last August, exactly forty-eight days after the island was declared secured.

It was at the Garrison Arena on August 26, 1944, that the first boxing event took place. Special Service, under the direction of Captain Joseph McEntee promoted this show which drew a crowd of over 13,000 service personnel. Weekly cards were immediately inaugurated. They were handled by a regular boxing agency and controlled by a Boxing Commission set up along the lines of the N.B.A. which governs boxing in the states. As the shows continued, the attendance jumped until a record crowd of 22,500 fans watched leading boxers fight for the island titles. Weekly bouts continued with undiminished success, since last August, 60 odd shows on the Island have drawn over three-quarters of a million spectators.

Equipment was scarce in the early days of the sport here.

Capt. James J. Braddock, now on Saipan, conferring with S/Sgt. Bob Morley before going into the ring to referee bouts.

Critical items, such as eight ounce gloves, boxing shoes and punching bags arrived when the good Samaritan, Nat Fleischer, heard of the plea from the Island and sent out some paraphernalia. Army and All Service Golden Glove championships were held. This was followed by an Army Forward Area Tournament. Then the trip to Oahu which established the Marianas as the "lucky seven" team in the Pacific Ocean Area Tournament.

Results of the POA Boxing Tournament:

118 lbs.—Marcellino Serna, 115 lbs., (So. Pacific) defeated (3) Frankie Yazza, 118 lbs., (Marianas).
126 lbs.—Sal Scornavacca, 126 lbs., (So. Pacific) defeated (3) Hideo Tengan, 125 lbs., (Central Pacific).
130 lbs.—Claude Williams, 130 lbs., (So. Pacific) defeated (3) Larry Estralla, 130 lbs., (Central Pacific).
135—Wilbur Minn, 134 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) Jack Shiro, 135 lbs., (Central Pacific).
135 lbs.—John Rodigues, 135 lbs., (So. Pacific), defeated (3) Eddie Mack, 135 lbs., (Marshalls).
140 lbs.—Frank Robinson, 139 lbs., (Marianas), T.K.O.'d (3) William Wimbish, 140 lbs., (So. Pacific).
140 lbs.—William Simmons, 140 lbs., (Central Pacific), K.O.'d (1) Kenneth Petri, 138 lbs., (Marshalls).
147 lbs.—John Thomas, 145 lbs., (Marianas) defeated (3) Albert Silva, 146 lbs., (Central Pacific).
147 lbs.—Billie Banks, 147 lbs., (So. Pacific), defeated (3) Alton Brown, 147 lbs., (Marshalls).
160 lbs.—Al Johnson, 158 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) Phillip Silva, 160 lbs., (Central Pacific).
160 lbs.—Richard Cunningham, 159 lbs., (So. Pacific), defeated (3) Mike Evanovich, 160 lbs., (Marshalls).
175 lbs.—Charles "Yank" Jackson, 175 lbs., (Marianas), K.O.'d (2) Joe Truesdale, 175 lbs., (So. Pacific).
Heavyweight—Joe Rochester, 202 lbs. (Marianas) defeated (3) Alva Mance, 195 lbs., (So. Pacific).
Heavyweight—George Peterson, 190 lbs., (Marshalls), K.O.'d (1) Moe Peralto, 200 lbs., (Central Pacific).

Championship Fights (POA Titles)

118 lbs.—Nobuo Higa, 118 lbs., (CPBC), K.O.'d (1) Marcellino Serna, 115 lbs., (So. Pacific).
126 lbs.—Sal Scornavacca, 126 lbs., (So. Pacific), defeated (3) Buck Barrett, 126 lbs., (Marianas).
130 lbs.—Wally Tuggles, 130 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) Claude Williams, 130 lbs., (So. Pacific).
135 lbs.—Wilbur Minn, 135 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) Joe Rodigues, 135 lbs., (So. Pacific).
140 lbs.—Frank Robinson, 139 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) William Simmons, 140 lbs., (Central Pacific).
147 lbs.—John Thomas, 145 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) Billie Banks, 147 lbs., (So. Pacific).
160 lbs.—Al Johnson, 158 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) Richard Cunningham, 160 lbs., (So. Pacific).
175 lbs.—Charles "Yank" Jackson, 175 lbs., (Marianas) T.K.O.'d Robert Wilson, 175 lbs., (Marshalls).
Heavyweight—Joe Rochester, 202 lbs., (Marianas), defeated (3) George Peterson, 190 lbs., (Marshalls).

The Marianas team was under the direction of Lt. (jg) Donald Emery. Trainers for the team were; Bob Morley, Bobby Jones, Paul Phillips, Mitch Anarit and "Pop" Winsett. Team alternates and sparring partners who made the trip to Hawaii were: Ken Hilton, William Duncan, Booker Washington, B. S. Warren, Harrison Lemon and Dave Packnett.

Sgt. Gordon Wins Crown

SGT. GORDON D. HAWKINS, husky young Marine from American Fork, Utah, copped the senior middleweight boxing crown of the Third Division, which outfit is now battling the Japs. Hawkins, 22, won the title by disposing of eight opponents, five of them on T.K.O.'s. Not satisfied with beating his Marine buddies, the Utah battler later took on three Seabee champs and scored two more technical knockouts and floored his other opponent for the count.

Before entering the service, Hawkins boxed for the University of Utah and Brigham Young University. He also took part in Utah's A.A.U. tourney.

"The Rat" Met His Master

At Lynn, Mass., Joe Walcott was scheduled to clash with John E. Butler of that city, but on the night of the fight, the Negro wonder defaulted while a throng of sports threatened all kinds of vengeance if they could lay their hands on Joe. When he learned of the feelings of the "mob," he hid until the next morning, when he was spirited away to New York and the following day he appeared in Miner's Theatre on the Bowery near Houston Street, where he met a mug named "Yaller Rat" Sweeney and knocked him cold with one punch.

"The Rat" was unconscious for many minutes after the bout and later had to be removed to a local hospital for a fracture of the jaw and a concussion.

"John L." and Stuttering Sam

The Story of a One-Night Stand of the Boston Strong Boy in Saginaw, Michigan

By IVAN CLYDE LAKE

IT was when John L. Sullivan was exhibiting himself on one-night stands that Stuttering Sam Gallagher met him in Saginaw, Michigan.

Stuttering Sam was in a Saginaw saloon when he heard about the champion's coming. Lumberjacks stood three-deep at the bar, discussing the mighty mauler over their mugs of beer.

"I hear he's offering $200 in gold to anybody that can stand up to him for three rounds," somebody remarked.

"W-w-what's that?" said Stuttering Sam.

The words were repeated.

Stuttering Sam rubbed his porcine bristles and shifted his quid.

"B-b-by the Holy Mackinaw," he stammered out, "I'll g-g-get it!"

A roar of derisive laughter was aimed at Stuttering Sam's boast. He swallowed hard but didn't attempt further speech. He'd show 'em when "John L." came. . . .

Before he joined the logging crew cutting pine on the Sturgeon river in northern Michigan, Stuttering Sam had handled a locomotive for the Michigan Central Railroad. When the Pullman strike occurred in 1894, he had been fired for showing too much aggressiveness.

He had turned up one day at White and Fiant's logging camp in the Saginaw region.

"I've had a p-p-position long enough," he had declared. "Now I w-w-want a job."

He hadn't been in the country long before stories started the rounds of what a man he was. There was only five feet ten of him but he carried 200 pounds of solid muscle. Take the incident in the Dew Drop Inn at Saginaw.

Ten of the toughest riverhogs who had ever wielded a peavey had seemed bent on destroying him. Still, single-handedly he had licked nine of them, and would have floored the tenth if he hadn't been handed a knockout blow, when his head was turned, with a heavy iron cuspidor. . . .

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WHEN John L. Sullivan got off the train at Saginaw, he had the original ten 20-dollar gold pieces he'd dropped into a bag at the start of his country-wide tour. So far, they hadn't been seriously threatened.

Haley's hall was packed tighter than sardines that night. In it a regulation ring had been set up and provided with punching bags, huge dumbbells, the inevitable pail of water and sponge, and the mysterious black bottle which the champion always carried with him.

The Mighty John L. Sullivan as he appeared in his one-night stands around the country, meeting all comers.

A brilliant green robe hung over the massive shoulders of the great "John L." as he climbed into the ring. Hell was never noisier than Haley's hall at the moment as the fans whooped it up.

The champion's manager, with the appearance of a peacock, followed the fighter into the ring, and for a spell motioned ineffectually for silence. In its own good time silence came.

"Ladies and gentlemen," whined the little one. "It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the champion heavyweight of the world, the unconquerable John L. Sullivan himself. He will perform for you on the punchingbag and the dumbbells. And after that he offers $200 in gold pieces to any living man who can stay in the ring with him, standing on his hind legs, for three rounds—only three rounds, gentlemen."

Amid applause which outroared thunder, "John L." took a deep impressive bow.

There was one man in the crowd who made no demonstration. Stuttering Sam's hands were rammed into his pockets as he sat bolt upright, his eyes glued on the muscular figure in the ring.

Straightway the champion began to show what he could do to anything or anybody that came in reach of his iron fists.

He attacked the punchingbag as he would have an enemy whom he had waited long to slay. Never had the lumberjacks, handy as they were with flying fists, seen such rapid-fire action, never such a terrific punch as he now let loose. The bag broke from its cord and shot into space, over the crowd's upturned faces of gaping mouths.

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"JOHN L." then stooped and picked up a pair of huge dumbbells and played around with them as if they had been of cork. At last, seeming to tire of his toys, he dropped them with a resounding thud to the platform.

He walked over to a corner of the ring, sat down, and picked up the black bottle—ostensibly containing water. Tipping it high, he drank deeply.

"The time has come," whined out the manager, "for anyone to accept the champion's challenge. A thousand men have been knocked out by him. Still, I repeat, he offers $200 in gold pieces to any living man who can stand up to him for three rounds."

Silence perceptibly came over the crowd. Every man, stricken dumb, found himself also glued to his chair on the floor where he stood. Every man but one. Stuttering Sam quietly arose and made his way to the ring. As he *(Continued on page 34)*

FLYING COMBAT LIKE *a* BOXING BOUT

Jerry La Starza, Former Golden Gloves Champion and Professional Fighter, in Many Aerial Operations Over Europe Gives Credit to Pugilistic Training for His Success as Flight Officer in Famed "Pioneer" P-51 Mustang Fighter-Bomber Group

By CAPT. ARTHUR F. BROWN

JERRY LA STARZA has been in a lot of fights since he first donned boxing gloves at 16 and went on to win the Golden Gloves middleweight championship of the East coast in 1942 at Madison Square Garden. But Jerry's toughest were as a member of the Ninth Air Force's famed 354th "Pioneer" P-51 Mustang group which was in combat in Europe. The 21-year-old flyer engaged the Nazis in many air battles.

"Flying combat is a lot like a boxing match," says Jerry. "Your chances of victory depend on the aggressiveness, experience and speed of your opponent, plus the ability to outsmart your adversary into a position from which you can score a knockout. Only in an aerial battle you play for keeps and sportsmanship doesn't count. Now that this European phase of the war is over, we switch from Krauts to Japrats where no quarter is asked or given."

A rather philosophical viewpoint for a fellow Jerry's age. But then Jerry La Starza is not typical of the usual run of ringside battlers. He is a quiet, intelligent confident youngster who holds the rank of flight officer in the Ninth Air Force's famed "Pioneer" P-51 Mustang fighter-bomber group. After the war, he has ambitions to become one of the outstanding middleweights, "depending of course on how old I am when this war ends," Jerry says.

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EVER since he was knee high to the proverbial grasshopper, Jerry has been interested in fighting. "I followed all the big matches, listening to the radio and reading the papers." At 12 he could name most of the leading boxers for the past quarter century.

About this time Jerry and some of his neighborhood pals formed a local boxing club. They started it in the cellar of his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Marco La Starza, 539 Van Nest Avenue, in the Bronx. It wasn't long before he became the undisputed block champion. At 14, a sailor pal of his took him along to the local gym for a work out. From then on Jerry was an addict and whipped himself into shape.

Pete Mello, a former boxer himself, took him under his supervision and started Jerry on a regular training program. Jerry fought his first amateur fight at 16 under the auspices of the Catholic Youth organization. It was a five-round affair in which he copped the decision. He can't recall the name of his opponent, which is probably excusable for a chap who had about 75 officially recorded matches and many unofficial contests.

From these battles he entered into Golden Gloves elimination contests as the next step up the ladder in his chosen career. There were seven matches before he fought his way into the finals. "I sweated each battle out," he remarked. "But I was confident.

"Call that cocky, if you will, but it's the stuff champions and fighter pilots are made of. Without it, they are licked before they get started."

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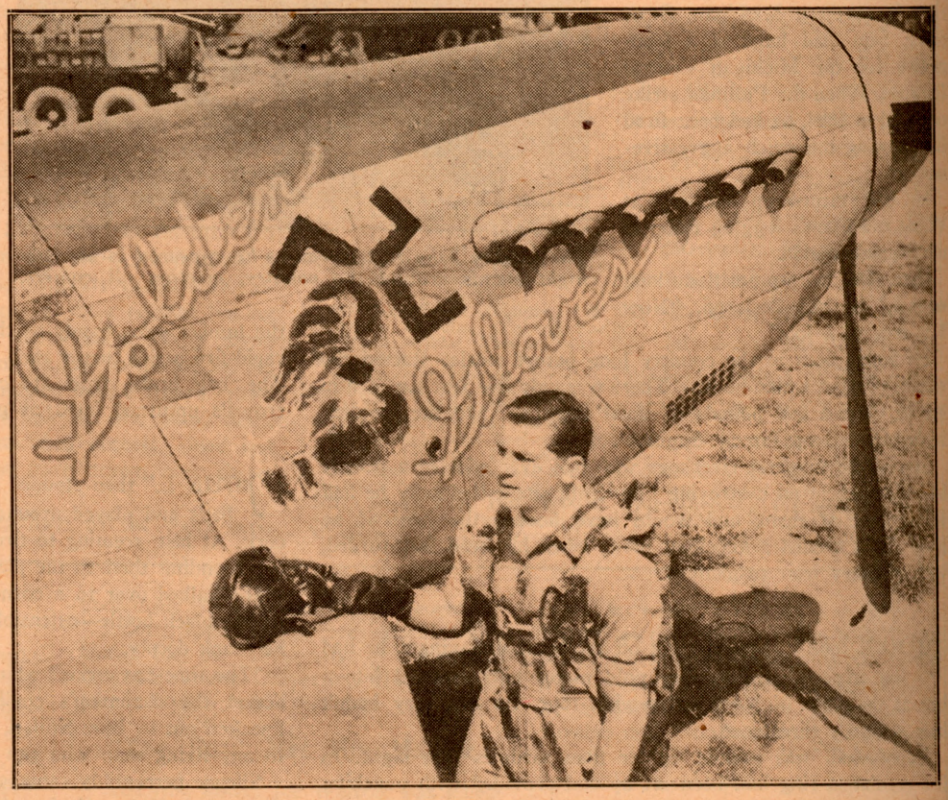
JERRY LA STARZA'S opponent in the final for the East Coast championship was Henry Farmer, also of New York City. They were fairly evenly matched, each having about 10 wins to their credit. Farmer, at 19, was a year older and weighed 160 to La Starza's 158.

"I won the championship while unconscious," stated Jerry, with a modest grin on his good-looking unmarked face. "Farmer had



Flight Officer Jerry La Starza standing beside his famous Golden Gloves combat plane. Jerry is a member of the Ninth Air Force. His "Pioneer" champs hold the European Theatre of Operations fighter record for aerial kills with 701 planes, plus 256 on the ground in 17 months of combat. The outfit expects to do the same fine work against the Japs.

a terrific right so I tried to keep away from it by shifting around, throwing punches at him, then stepping back before he could connect. I stepped right into the middle of a haymaker and bought it for the count of nine."

Instinct and a fighting heart brought this youngster back to his feet. He doesn't recall much of the rest of the contest. "They told me later I got up and lasted out the round. At the start of the second round I was still in a daze but got out and nailed Farmer in his own corner for a count of 9. That evened things up and I went on to win on points. It wasn't until I got in the locker room that I really came to and found out I had won the championship."

Happy! That win meant everything to this fighter. His friends had been riding him ever since he announced his intentions of winning it. Now their jeers had turned to cheers. The professional matchmakers began to cast eyes his way.

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JERRY LA STARZA'S first combat flight was made under equally fluky conditions. Assigned to the "Pioneers" in March, 1945, he was hanging around the squadron operations room one day waiting for a chance to get some transitional training. Approximately 10 hours workout is given to all pilots on entering combat, men who have never flown the particular type of aircraft used by the unit to which they are assigned. In the States, Jerry had flown nothing but P-47 Thunderbolts or "Thunderbuckets" as the flyers called the heavy fighter-bombers. Now he was to fly the sleek, speedy P-51 Mustangs with which the "Pioneers" had pioneered and broken the European Theater of Operations fighter record, with over 950 "kills" in less than 17 months of combat operations.

Into the operations room strode another pilot. "We need someone for runway alert," he announced. Runway alert was kept up in case of an unexpected attack by the Germans on the field. The two ships would take off and intercept. However, at this time, few Kraut pilots were penetrating behind lines to attack airdromes.

"No one's here," announced the sergeant clerk. "The fellows are all off on a mission except Flight Officer La Starza and he hasn't had transition yet."

"Hell! It only means sitting in a plane on the runway," retorted the officer. "What do you say, Jerry, help me out?"

Jerry went along. He sat in the P-51 on the edge of the field. He looked it over but didn't even start the motor. Ten minutes after climbing into the plane, flying control shot up red flares alerting the planes that "enemy aircraft were reported in the vicinity."

"I didn't know what the hell to do," related La Starza. "My teammate was already starting up his motor. I knew where the switch was and got mine spinning over just as he started down the runway."

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WITH the same courage that brought him victory in 74 of his 75 amateur fights, Jerry followed his element leader. Here he was taking bigger chances with not a championship at stake, but his life.

"Somehow I got off the field," he continued "but then I couldn't find the landing gear control to get my wheels up. Fact I forget them for a few moments until I noticed the other pilot waving madly at me. First I thought he wanted me to go back. I didn't want to do that. It was my first combat flight and no one was going to scare me out of it. Besides I didn't think I could land the thing. Thought I might as well fly it awhile before cracking up.

When I realized my wheels were still down, causing me to lose speed, my element leader had left me far behind. There I was, lost over Germany. I flew around awhile, didn't see anything and then got word over the R/T that our enemy had turned out to be P-47's. I sighted some other Mustangs and followed them back to the base. They went in and landed while I circled around trying to find the flaps. I didn't even know at what speed to land.

The first approach I made at 175 miles. I found I couldn't land at that rate. As I circled around for another approach, I could see the crowd gathering. In my mind, I could even hear the clanging of the ambulance. This time I came in at 150. It was a little bumpy but I was down."

IT was the spirit that carried him through all of his fights. During the preliminaries to the Golden Gloves, he was pitted against a 30-year-old former professional boxer. Jerry's manager knew the opponent was a pro, but he was confident that La-Starza could lick him. The pro turned out to be a tough opponent with a terrific wallop but he couldn't box. Pete Mello's faith that "his boy could whip him," proved justified.

Another opponent of La Starza's in the elimination contests was Hyman Bronstein. Jerry scored a technical knockout over him in the first round. Bronstein won the Golden Gloves the following year and was a member of the Air Transport Corps until his discharge recently. He fought as a pro.

It was about 20 fights later that La Starza turned professional after having fought and won against the best of the amateurs.

His first fight was with Charley McPherson, a Negro boxer, also from New York City. Jerry had sort of a feud with the Negro boy. He had fought McPherson twice as an amateur, winning both times easily. The Negro, however, had sharpened up as a professional. In the first round he dropped Jerry three times. He caught Jerry with a right on the jaw, following it up each time La Starza picked himself off the canvas. But Jerry recovered sufficiently to win the decision.

In their next bout Jerry knocked McPherson out in the third round. As a bonus, he was awarded a $25 war bond for the quickest knockout of the evening. After that McPherson refused further matches. "That guy's too good for me."

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OTHER opponents of this battling middleweight were Harry Serio of Newark, N. J., and Freddie Graham, a topnotch Negro middleweight. In that fight, the spectators kept a rhythmic, audible count of how many times Jerry hit Graham with his right. On the 52nd blow, he knocked his gallant adversary out. It was the first time Freddie Graham had taken the count.

Graham scored a beauty against La Starza in the first round after getting nailed by Jerry with a right. "I got a hard wallop and thought he would be easy to take," said La Starza. It's a lesson he has learned not to repeat. Though as he remarked: "I've got a bad habit of getting floored in the first round. It happens most every time and people seem to expect it now. The worst of it all they yell for more."

Jerry's younger brother, Roland also is a boxer. He is about three years younger than Jerry but is a good puncher and boxer. Pete Mello took him over and now Mr. and Mrs. La Starza have two champions in the family because Roland, following in his brother's footsteps, took the Golden Gloves East Coast championship for light-heavyweight last year. In February, 1945, he won the national title in Chicago.

Jerry fought his last fight as a civilian against Sonny Horne of Niles, Ohio, and lost. He and Sonny are good friends but it hurt Jerry to be tripped up for the first time on the eve of his departure for the army. The close-fought match was at White Plains, New York. Horne floored La Starza in the first round but from then on, it was a pretty even match with Jerry pressing home the attack.

Since his initial combat fight, Jerry La Starza has proven himself equally as daring and aggressive in the air. He has dive-bombed and strafed enemy airfields, railroad yards and harassed German supply and communications lines. Swooping down over columns of tanks and armored vehicles, he has proven his expert rating in gunnery was no fluke.

Jerry's post war plans are simple. He knows what he wants and he's determined to get it. That is the middleweight championship crown. He is convinced the opposition will be tough "because the services are training men in athletics who would never have thought seriously of entering any sport. A lot of these men have thought of becoming boxers—good ones. They'll be looking for new opportunities. I'll be in there fighting with them, if I'm not too old. I've a wife to take care of now and I want that title."

With spirit like this and the determination and training he's had, here's betting he reaches his goal.

MORAN, MEXICAN WELTER THREAT

By GENE VINASSA

A BOXING threat from Mexico stands in the shadow of Freddie (Red) Cochrane and his world's welterweight championship, not to be easily brushed aside. His name is Nick Moran, Gus Wilson's Mexican fireball with the Irish name. He took California by storm when he started his phenomenal rise and he did the same when he recently fought in Philadelphia.

He is one of the best fighters to come here from old Mexico and is succession of the line that started within recent years with Baby Face Casanova, Baby Arizmendi, Juan Burita and other ring greats from below the Rio Grande. His critics say he is one of the outstanding fighters developed during the war.

Eastern fight fans saw Moran last July 9 in his thrill-packed brawl with Bob Montgomery at Shibe Park, Philadelphia. And on the night of September 7, the baby-faced, bushy-haired Mexican sensation makes his New York debut against N.B.A. lightweight king, Ike Williams in Madison Square Garden in a non-title bout. Moran cannot make the lightweight poundage, Manager Gus Wilson admits, so he has his sights set on a title match with Cochrane this fall or a bout with the man who is generally recognized as the kingpin of the division, Sugar Ray Robinson. Either man will do.

To quote briefly from the Associated Press on the Philly fight between Moran and Montgomery: "Bob Montgomery won an unpopular, split decision over Nick Moran. The A.P. score had Moran on top, six rounds to four, etc." Fight fans saw the wire stories on the Philly bout, so we won't go into the detail story.

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NICK, a growing kid, weighed 140½ for the recent Montgomery fight and knows that he cannot get down to the lightweight limit.

Moran does everything that some champions do at their best.

He is a very good boxer.

He has a tough, rugged constitution, is young and game and has a real wallop in both dukes.

These are attributes—real ones.

Moran has been brought along nicely by Gus Wilson, who paid $1,000 for his contract to Mike McNulty.

Nick is a potential champion in our book. We cornered Moran at Willie Orner's Main Street gymnasium in Los Angeles just before he was shoving off for a brief vacation in Mexico City after returning from the Philly bout. Never a cocky kid, Nick doesn't make predictions. He only said: "I am certain that New Yorkers will be pleased with my fighting."

Although George Engel, veteran fight handler, has no interest in Moran's contract, he is one of the kid's best boosters. Engel saw Moran fight a blistering draw with highly regarded John Thomas and defeat Montgomery at the Olympic in Los Angeles and Engel is lavish in his praise for the new Mexican phenomenon.

The 21-year-old Mexican is a native of LaBarca, Jalisco, in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. Moran comes by his Irish name honestly. There are many Morans in Jalisco, Nick tells us, but he doesn't know how that came about.

From comparative obscurity, Moran rose almost overnight to a position where today he is an outstanding boxer—a much sought after attraction from promoters of every major arena in the nation.

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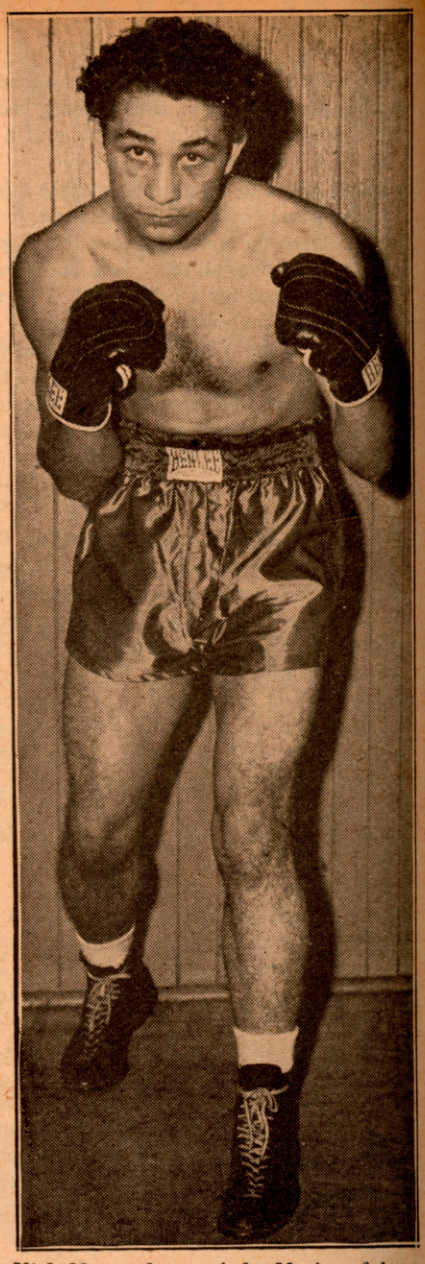
HIS rise to fame started by a sensational one-round knockout over belting Bobby Yaeger at the famed Hollywood Legion Stadium last year. Yaeger was a top heavy favorite in the betting. A few months later, Nick faced the elusive John Thomas at the Olympic in Los Angeles, holding the Negro to a ten-round draw.

In the Thomas fight, Nick fought himself out of Dizzy Street on several occasions and came back strong in the late rounds, a fine tribute to the recuperative powers and the wonderful gray matter with which Moran is endowed.

Montgomery was a terrific favorite when he met Moran in Los Angeles under the banner of Promoter Cal Eaton and Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Olympic.

Nick started out slugging with Bob and dropped Montgomery in the first round, Monty got away from him after that, and Nick could not nail him too many times, hence he changed to boxing and kept his margin the rest of the way.



Nick Moran, latest of the Mexican fighters to receive international recognition.

There were many headaches in the arena when Moran got the duke. Many fans had to hustle for financial help, after laying as high as ten to one on Montgomery.

Previous to the first Montgomery bout, Moran lost a hard-fought, close decision to Bobby Yaeger, then followed it with a victory over Art Dorrell, colorful Texas soldier, at the film city club, and later defeated Eddie Hudson, California Negro, in ten rounds.

Al Jolson, the screen, stage and radio star, witnessed the Los Angeles meeting between Moran and Montgomery. He said: "It was one of the greatest lightweight fights I ever saw for 10 rounds."

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MANY a fight has been won and lost in the corner. Right or wrong advice, right or wrong treatments of wounds, or injuries, often is responsible for the turning of the tide in ring encounters.

Moran has a great and abiding faith in himself and Manager Gus Wilson. Gus holds the reins over Nick. Gus, as all old-time fight fans know, is the Frenchman who trained Georges Carpentier for the Dempsey fight, later worked with Dempsey for several of his big matches, and has been behind Jeanette, McVey, Criqui and other ring greats years ago. He is an experienced, level-headed handler.

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Ketchel-Langford Six-Round Classic *in* Philly

Last Two Heats of 1910 Battle in Quakertown Wrote Fistic History—Michigan Assassin Won Despite 19-Pound Handicap

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN the bright annals of professional boxing, the greatest stress, quite naturally, is laid on championship fights. The greatest glamour surrounds the title, especially if it be in the heavyweight division.

However, let us not lose sight of the fact that some of the most remarkable, some of the most dramatic and thrilling contests and expositions of the highest skill of a traduced science, have come out of engagements in which neither man was a recognized, official champion.

You might call these battles the minor classics of the ring, always remembering that they were minor only because it so happened that a title was not involved.

And while on the subject, many a lack-lustre, no-account exhibition has come out of a match highly advertised, highly perfumed, for one of our titles—and that goes for the heavyweight crown, too.

There is a tendency, too, toward dramatizing those marathon fights of the long ago, especially the contests held in outdoor arenas. Yet some of the most amazing scraps have been over the shorter distances, and in smaller indoor clubs.

One of the roughest, toughest battles in the short distance, indoor category was that between Stanley Ketchel when he held the middleweight championship, and Sam Langford, to whom he had to concede 19 pounds, on the night of April 27, 1910, in the little National A.C. in Philadelphia.

No decisions were permitted at that time in the Quaker City. But the newspaper verdict was that, with his terrific rally in the last two heats, Ketchel had won.

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THAT April night in the last year of his short life, soon to be ended by tragedy and murder, Ketchel tipped the beam at 159 pounds. He was the champion all over—fiery in action, gorgeous in physique, the man who had taken a firm hold on the middleweight crown by stopping Billy Papke in eleven rounds in San Francisco on November 26, 1908.

Stanley Ketchel, the Western Demon, typical fighting pose.

In some future issue I plan to go back to the Ketchel-Papke fights, back to the tremendous drama of the brilliant career of this Polish farmer, Stanislaus Kiecal, born in Michigan, and killed at Conway, Mo., on October 15, 1910, by a crazed farm hand.

The night Ketchel fought the Tar Baby, as Langford was called, not without regard and affection, Sam scaled 178 pounds.

Ketchel was not a big man. He stood only 5 feet 9 in height. But Sam was even shorter. His height was 5 feet 7½.

Stanley had been fighting professionally since 1903, while Sam had gone into the ring hunting for a living the previous year.

By 1910, Langford had met them all—Jim Flynn, the Dixie Kid, Joe Jeannette, Mike Schreck and Tony Ross, Jim Barry, Larry Temple and Sandy Ferguson. Sam had knocked out Iron Hague in four rounds in London the previous year.

Langford was to go on and on, losing his sight, recovering it, struggling against advancing years and the need to fight for something to eat. On he went fighting until 1923. He is around to tell about it all—and what a yarn it makes!

Jack Johnson was the heavyweight king in 1910. He had cleared his title by stopping Jim Jeffries on July 4, 1909, and had gained something in fistic stature by knocking out Ketchel at Colma, Cal., on October 16, 1909, in the twelfth round. Ketchel had gained, too, for he had been outweighed by 25 pounds.

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THE Ketchel-Langford battle was arranged in Philadelphia because of the tremendous wave of publicity of which Stanley had been riding since his exploit against Johnson.

In between the engagement with Jack and the contest with Sam, Ketchel fought only once. He had a six-rounder with Frank Klaus, future middleweight champion, in Pittsburgh.

The fight in Philadelphia was supposed to be the prelude to a 45-round engagement in California. Jim Coffroth, in San Francisco, stood ready to put up $30,000 for Stan and Sam, and let them split it any way they liked.

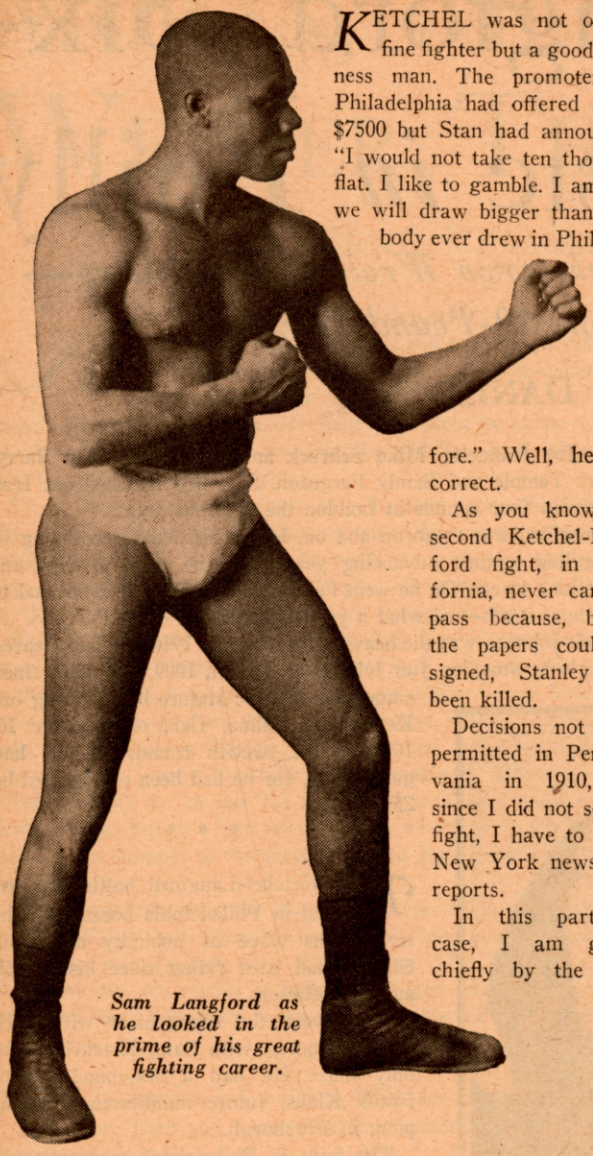
"I know nothing about a fight in California and after I get finished with Ketchel in Philly, there won't be any demand for another match," Langford announced.

In those days boxing publicity was loaded with hooey. As you look over the sports pages of the long ago, you wonder why so much piffle was printed, and whether the sports editors really thought their publics were swallowing all the malarkey they dished out.

In any event, Ketchel and Langford were supposed to tune up in Philadelphia, and then set sail for the Golden West and the fancier dough.

Not that the Philadelphia six-rounder was anything to be sneezed at financially. The bout drew $18,750 and set a record for the Quaker City.

Since Ketchel had been guaranteed 50 per cent of the gross, he received $9375 for his end. Langford, of course, took a lot less. In that somewhat benighted era, Negro fighters had to make tremendous financial concessions—and other concessions, as well—or they got no pork chops. Sam collected $5000 for his end. Men like Langford, McVey, Jeannette, Wills, among other great Negroes, fought often, but for little, then.



Sam Langford as he looked in the prime of his great fighting career.

KETCHEL was not only a fine fighter but a good business man. The promoters in Philadelphia had offered a flat $7500 but Stan had announced, "I would not take ten thousand flat. I like to gamble. I am sure we will draw bigger than anybody ever drew in Philly before." Well, he was correct.

As you know, the second Ketchel-Langford fight, in California, never came to pass because, before the papers could be signed, Stanley had been killed.

Decisions not being permitted in Pennsylvania in 1910, and since I did not see the fight, I have to go by New York newspaper reports.

In this particular case, I am guided chiefly by the story which Bob Edgren wrote for the *New York World.*

The Associated Press called it a draw. That was the easy way out in a six-round fight in which there had been no knockout. But Edgren, who was a fair, intelligent and highly skilled expert, did not sidestep the issue.

"Ketchel wins Fight, Gives Sam Langford Terrific Beating," was the two-column head over the Edgren report, which opened this way:

"PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 28—Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion, whipped Sam Langford decisively last night at the National A. C., in this town. It was in a terrific two-round drive at the finish that he beat the Negro. Nothing could stop or even hinder Ketchel in those last rounds. He was a red-trunked, blood-spattered fury gone mad with fighting.

"At the end, Langford, his confident grin wiped out, blood running over his black shoulders in a shiny stream from a cut behind the ear made by Ketchel's good right hand, weary, disheartened, was clinching for his life and trying to hold those arms with which the middleweight champion was delivering such crushing, flail-like blows. In the last round the Negro, fought fairly off his feet, ran around and around the ring, and whenever he halted a second to try to stop the slaughter with wild swings and uppercuts Ketchel was on him in a flash, beating him about until he ran again or clinched desperately.

"It was a scene for a painter now—not the painter of mild, gentle landscapes and innocuous still life studies, but a Detaille, a Meissonier, a painter of war and blood and carnage."

SOME of the stories of the fight wanted to give the impression that in the fifth and sixth rounds Langford had got on his bicycle because he did not want to hurt Stan, and had his eye on the richer gravy out beyond the Sierras.

However, the Edgren version paints no such picture. It is hammer-and-tongs as Ketchel surges after the fourth, gives the Boston Tar Baby a terrific shellacking and makes it impossible for Sam to stage a rally of his own.

"Ketchel Draws With Langford," yawned the New York *Press.* "Negro Fighter Stalls," sneered that same Palladium. "He makes no sincere effort to get back at Ketchel and eases up at finish."

Yet Langford will tell you that the engagement with Ketchel was perhaps his toughest limited distance fight of his career.

Ketchel certainly was out for a knockout. "I just could not make it this time, he had too much weight on me," Stanley explained after it was all over. "Next time I am going to force him to come down near my poundage and there will be a different story. I know I can stop him."

Well, there never was a different story, there never was that "next time."

Most of the thrilling action in the Philadelphia encounter was packed into the last three heats.

Both fighters had been stung by the attitude of the crowd. Neither Stanley nor Sam was a really good six-round bout specialist. Both men were gaited for the more leisurely distances of the era, and if they spent some time feeling each other out—well, the fans had paid their good money, and they wanted action right from the start, and from bell to bell. Here were two men who had been advertised as killers, and the customers wanted to see somebody killed.

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THERE were hoots in the first round, cat-calls in the second. In the third, Ketchel was stung by the attitude of the onlookers and launched a fierce onslaught which, as the gong rang, left him quite wobbly.

He opened the round with a terrific right to the jaw and followed with a right to the body. Sam came back with a right swing to the button and it hurt. The Michigander was staggered, but this was no ham and egg fighter. He rushed the Tar Baby and caught him with a right to the jaw. They mixed it up in lively fashion and just before the bell, Langford scored with a right to the head.

Up to this point there was nothing to choose between the two battlers.

It was Langford who started the rushing as the bell sounded for the fourth. Back went the assassin to the ropes. Sam kept rushing. Left and then left again, into the body. Things did not look so hot for the white middleweight at that point.

They went into a clinch and Sam worked his way out. He twisted and let his man have it in the face. Thrice did Sam land, and the blood began to run from Ketchel's nose.

Stan was bleeding hard the last minute of this session, but he was fighting back. He swung a hard right. Had it landed it would have been curtains for Samuel. As it was, Langford ducked a bit and caught the blow behind the ear. The skin was cut deep and blood began to run out of Langford, too.

At the end of the fourth round, it looked like Langford. The fans decided that his weight advantage would prove too much, even in a six-rounder. But they reckoned without Ketchel.

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AS the gong for the fifth brought them out, Ketchel showed no signs of the rough wear to which he had been subjected in the previous round.

Ketchel tore into Sam with amazing speed. Langford, who had been sudden all through the encounter, was more sudden than ever. He called on all of his wiles and tricks. But Ketchel was not to be denied.

Langford tried to stand up and fight it out with Stan, and then he decided that it just could not be done. He began to leg it, hoping to get his man weary.

Ketchel went in hot pursuit. Now the sullen look left Sam's face. This was fun. He broke into a smile. But he kept right on moving, and Stanley kept right on chasing. Whenever he could catch up with Langford, he would let him have it.

Near the end of the round, Langford stopped. He swung his right with everything he had. Had it reached the target, Ketchel would have been stopped. As it was, the blow barely grazed the white man's chin.

Langford had swung so hard that he fell on his knees and elbows, a ludicrous sight. He had to laugh at his own discomfiture, and then the bell. Now it was anybody's fight.

Up they came for the sixth. They shook hands, then Ketchel went after Sam, as he had gone after him in the fifth.

Left, then right. Then right, and left. Langford started to run again, and every time Ketchel overhauled him, the Negro had to pay toll for his foot race.

The fans shouted until the rafters rang. Ketchel kept charging Langford. Both men were smeared with blood. Ketchel and Langford went into the ropes. Now on this side, then on the other side of the ring, as Ketchel fought like a madman.

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LANGFORD stopped running and tried to stem the tide. But when he did land, Ketchel shook off his blows as if they had been tickles with a feather.

There was a dangerous element to Ketchel's tactics at this point. He was wide open. He had no defense whatsoever. He had assumed the attitude that the best defense was a terrific attack.

Langford now started to weaken. No longer was he running. He was grabbing and holding on tight.

Ketchel tore himself loose and continued his berserk attack. Langford came in close again, and once more Stanley handled himself as if he were the 178-pounder.

When the final bell rang, Langford smiled the smile that comes of relief.

The crowd gave Ketchel a great ovation. He had beaten the Tar Baby. Not only that. He had given the impression that it could not be otherwise even if another bout were scheduled for 45 rounds.

Ketchel and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien had written a thrilling chapter into boxing history with a famous tenth round in New York. The final heat of the Ketchel-Langford fight rivalled the Gotham finale in the Michigan assassin's intensity.

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JACK McGUIGAN was the referee of this fight, for which ringside seats sold at $10 face value brought $20 in the scalpers' market.

Langford went into the ring the favorite, at 10 to 6. However, there was comparatively little heavy wagering on the fight, even though about half the house had come from New York and looked "well heeled."

Tom Jones, once Billy Papke's manager, came all the way from Michigan to bet $3500 on Ketchel. Of this, $2500 belonged to Ad Wolgast.

The Philadelphia fight was the outcome of a lot of talk. The Langford connection had got the notion that Stan wanted no part of the Tar Baby. Perhaps Sam Woodman was right. In any event, Ketchel and Langford finally were matched for ten rounds at Billy Gibson's old Fairmont A. C. in New York.

That was a mistake. The game was on the "membership plan" in New York and the match raised too much conversation. The Governor interfered. Fairmont had to shut its doors for a time, and the fight never came off. That certainly was not Ketchel's fault.

When the Philadelphia match finally was arranged, Langford said he was going after the middleweight crown. That was strictly hooey because Sam could not make the weight, and knew it. He had started out as a lightweight, fighting Joe Gans and Kid Griffo, among other smaller men, in 1903. But how the Tar Baby had grown in heft since!

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HERE is the story of the Ketchel-Langford battle punch by punch:—

First Round—Ketchel sent left to chin. Langford stabbed two jolts to face and left to neck. Ketchel swung right to cheek, but Langford jabbed three lefts to face. Langford jabbed left to nose, left around neck and to wind. Ketchel swung right to heart and left to ear. Ketchel swung left to wind and Sam swung left to ear. Ketchel swung right to ribs and chest at bell.

Second Round—Langford swung two lefts and rights. Langford sent both hands to head and made Ketchel clinch. Langford just missed right swing for head. Ketchel swung right to wind, but Langford jabbed two lefts to face. Langford was warned for butting. Langford sent left to nose and jaw. Ketchel swung left to chin, but Sam jabbed left to face. Ketchel drove left to ribs and both hands to head and Langford left to jaw. Langford swung right to body and left to eye at the bell.

Third Round—Ketchel put light left to face. Langford swung two lefts and rights to Ketchel's jaw. Ketchel sent left to body. Langford spun Ketchel around with three left swings to jaw. Ketchel drove right to heart and Langford left to ribs. Langford hooked left to cheek and right to heart. Ketchel returned blow. Langford jabbed two lefts to face, left to kidneys and left to jaw, while Ketchel swung right to eye. Langford jabbed two lefts to face. Ketchel drove right to heart and Langford swung both hands to jaw.

Fourth Round—Langford jabbed left to face and wind. Ketchel swung right to ribs. Langford sent two straight lefts to face. Ketchel swung two lefts to body. Langford sent two straight lefts to face. Ketchel drove two rights to heart, and Langford right to cheek. Langford brought claret with left jolt to nose. Sam uppercut with right to cheek. Langford hooked left to eye, right to heart and left to mouth, and shook Ketchel with left swing to nose. Ketchel missed three lefts and Langford hooked left to jaw. Langford drove right uppercut to chin at bell.

Fifth Round—Ketchel swung right to ear and Langford broke ground. Sam jabbed left three times to face and right to chin. Langford swung a left to face. Ketchel shot left to wind and both to body. Sam crossed right to eye. Ketchel swung right to ribs and around Sam's neck. Sam swung right to neck and Ketchel two hard lefts to wind. Langford slipped to his knees at the bell,

Sixth Round—They shook hands and Ketchel swung both hands to body. Langford jabbed two lefts to face and Ketchel whipped left to wind. Sam jabbed left to face. Langford drove right and left to the wind and Ketchel swung right to jaw. Ketchel put two lefts and a right to wind. Langford swung both hands to jaw, and Ketchel both hands to body. Langford swung three lefts to head, and Ketchel left to wind at bell.

Louis Rousse Makes Hit in Garden

IF the brand of fisticuffing Louis Rousse displayed at Madison Square Garden on the Tommy Bell-Jake LaMotta card when he defeated the rugged Antonio Carmona in six spirited rounds, is a sample of what he is capable of doing, then Rousse will go far, pugilistically. He was put to a severe test by the rough and aggressive Puerto Rican, and made good with a vengeance. It was a thrilling battle and Carmona assimilated considerable punishment.

Louis Rousse first saw the light of day in New Orleans on December 19, 1925. After three years at high school, he entered the banking business—working as a clerk. While employed by the American Bank for a year and a half, Rousse participated in amateur boxing. He won 12 out of thirteen bouts as a welterweight, garnered the Southern middleweight Golden Gloves title early in 1944, and also won the AAU welterweight title.

At the age of 17, Rousse enlisted in the Merchant Marine and was honorably discharged a year later.

Turning pro in October, 1944, Louis has participated in 14 contests. He came out victorious in 12 of them, scoring nine knockouts.

George Winn has charge of his fistic affairs here and should do well with him. Eastern fight fans like the straight-standing, clean-punching, fast-moving manner of fisticuffing. Rousse is a courageous ring warrior, tosses bombshell rights and dazzling left hooks. What makes the former bank clerk a good attraction is the fact that he can hit. Fans of this era are not over-enthusiastic about artful boxing; they prefer the rough-and-ready type fighter who is willing to take a good punch in order to shoot his own wallops across, a scrapper who can give it and take it. And that is the kind of a fighter Winn has in Rousse.

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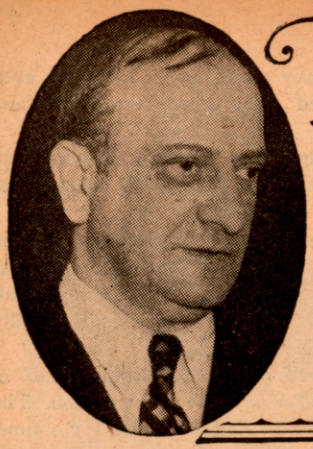

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Cestac's Debut in New York Proves Comedy

Argentinian Victim of Mistaken Identity Hoax

Woefully Inexperienced Boxing Officials in Garden

THE prize bull of the ring year, a glaring comedy of errors, found the son of a famous referee, Lou Magnolia, the central figure in the American debut of the Argentine Abel Cestac against John Thomas in Madison Square Garden. "The Mistaken Identity" is the name of the comedy, and though it might have been quite funny in New York, it didn't aid any in the good neighbor policy which the United States is trying to foster with our Latin-American republics.

Cestac, protege of Luis Firpo, afforded the onlookers little over which to go into ecstasy. The 6 feet, 4 inch giant, scaling 221 pounds, displayed only meagre boxing knowledge. He was touted to the skies as a heavyweight of great promise, but left the Garden arena with only an ordinary label.

When the contest was over, amid jeers and boos, he was declared the winner by a two to one vote. Judge Magnolia had his card showing Cestac ahead, 7 to 3. Judge Gordon gave it to five to five, but placed Cestac ahead 6 points to 5. Judge Thomas had it six to four for Thomas, similar to my tally. After Cestac had taken a bow and was rushed to the microphone sending the round by round story to Argentina, he left the ring beaming over his "first American victory." But soon things happened.

Referee Magnolia, stung by the hisses, rushed over to Announcer Harry Balough and declared that Harry had read his score incorrectly. Balough showed the official his card and proved that it had Cestac the winner, 7 to 3.

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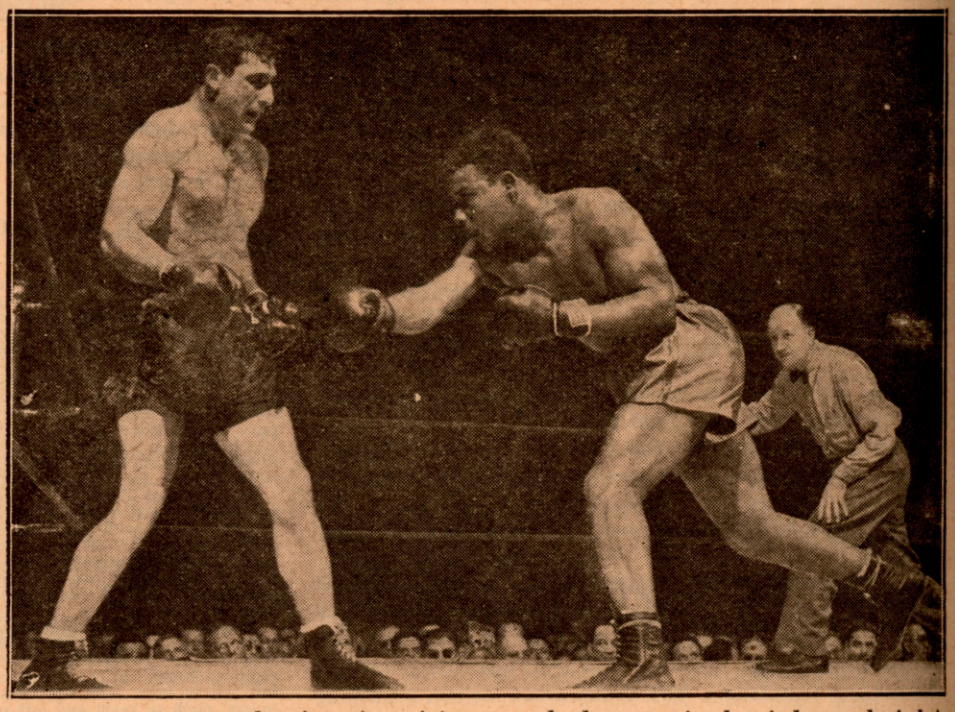
"I MISTOOK Cestac for Thomas," wailed Magnolia. "I gave the fight to Thomas, 7 to 3, not Cestac."

Whereupon with Cestac already in his dressing room, Thomas was hustled back from the aisles into the ring, and Balough announced that an error in identity of the fighters had caused Magnolia to mark his ballot for the Argentinian when he meant to mark it for Thomas, and therefore Thomas, not Cestac, was the winner by a 2 to 1 vote.

The jeers and hisses turned to cheers but the new verdict left the announcer at the Argentina mike frozen. He already had informed the South American nation that their man had won. He had had Cestac say something about his successful American debut and then the mike was shut off.

Announcer Canal pictured the feelings of the Argentinians when they learned of the "hoax." He thought of the American "good-will" program and tried frantically to get the connection returned, but without avail. The damage was done.



Thomas rushes Cestac, the giant Argentinian, towards the ropes in the sixth round of their Garden battle in which Referee Lou Magnolia couldn't distinguish between "Black and White." Thomas won in a "comedy of errors."

Then the real fun began. Commissioner Eagan summoned Referee Magnolia to the ringside and demanded an explanation.

"It was a case of mistaken identity," repeated Lou.

The verdict was permitted to remain changed. But it will forever remain a mystery how a competent official could mistake a white man weighing 221 and standing 6 feet 4 inches for a Negro scaling 188 and standing 5 feet 11!

There are many excellent judges who could be used to good advantage in the Garden in place of the novices who have been receiving assignments in the world's leading fight arena. A quick change is necessary, Lt. Col. Eagan. Let's have it.

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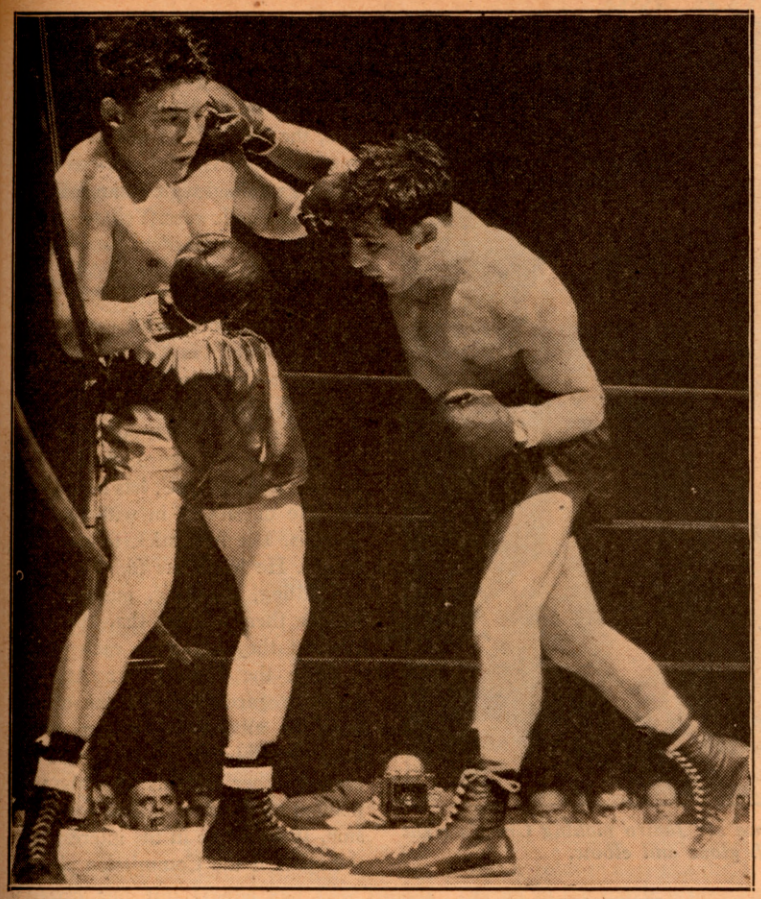
ASIDE from brute strength and a fair left hook and straight left, Cestac has nothing. He is crude, cannot box and is wide open. However, he showed more in his debut than did Firpo when Luis made his American start, but he lacks the drive of the Wild Bull. Luis carried a murderous punch that landed with a thud. He could knock out anyone whom he struck. Cestac is far from being a Firpo hitter. His worst fault is that he is muscle-bound. Like most foreigners, he is the type that is more suitable for wrestling than a boxing profession.

The young man who was unearthed by "Dead Pan Luis" is a big, awkward scrapper who simply doesn't know how to fight. He may improve after he has had several more fights under his belt, but when a man has forty pounds on an opponent many inches shorter, if he be worth discussing as a prospect, he at least should



Johnny Greco of Montreal lands a hard right to the head of Tony Janiro in the eighth round of their fight in the Garden and Tony finds himself against the ropes.

knock his man out. He not only couldn't do that, but he was outpointed.

There are heavyweights in this country whom he can beat, but beating that school of fighters won't get him anything. He punches slowly and methodically. He doesn't know how to take advantage of openings and is a slow thinker. He never followed up his advantage.

If he goes back to Argentina now he'll make plenty of dough for there he would be acclaimed as the man who was robbed by the Americans "who don't like the Argentinians." This country can well get along without him. Let's concentrate on some of our service men, instead.

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THE case of Bernard Docusen is one that commands the attention of level-headed followers of the fistic sport who have hailed the rise of the Negro in all branches of athletics, particularly tracks and field and boxing.

In every part of the country except in some half a dozen states, the color line has been a thing of the past. A few weeks ago I criticized the British for drawing the line when an Empire featherweight championship bout between Danny Webb, Canadian Negro title holder, and Nel Tarleton, of London, was suggested. The British Board of Control found that no Negro could battle for the Empire crown.

Now we find a similar situation existing in New Orleans, where Bernard Docusen, who claims Filipino parentage, has been denied the right to fight against white boys in the State of Louisiana. Granted that the law in Louisiana prevents whites and Negroes from engaging in mixed bouts, it is about time that the law were wiped off the books and that such race discrimination cease.

For more than two years, first as an amateur and since March of 1944 as a professional, Docusen has been the idol of his city. As he kept climbing to fistic fame he became the most publicized fighter the South has had since Young Stribling gained the spotlight. The sport that had been dormant locally for a long time, was revived by Docusen. Gate receipts that had hovered around the $4,000 mark, jumped to five figures, so popular was this youngster. He had fought the best lightweights in the country with success and was hailed both North and South as a possible champion.

Docusen has found himself banned by law from further engagements in mixed bouts, the only kind that can draw with him as one of the contestants, in his home burg. The boxer over whose racial origin court action is pending, has decided to abandon further local bouts until the court decides the petition of his parents to change the vital statistics to list the family as white instead of Negro.

It is the contention of the parents that the father is a full-blooded Filipino and that the mother is of French descent with a slight infusion of Negro blood. The parents say that when they were married neither could speak English and that the clerk, without their knowledge, had listed them as Negroes.

The first inkling that the boxing commission had about the case was when Bernard decided to take out a marriage license and this was refused because his sweetheart was a white girl. He was informed that no mixed marriages are permitted in New Orleans and protested vigorously, without avail. The Registrar insisted that since the parents were listed as Negro, the son could not be recorded as white, though his features bear him out that he is not a Negro.

Thus the South's best drawing card has been lost temporarily to boxing. Since he cannot fight white boys under the Louisiana law, he intends to do his fighting in the North and since he can fight, and is a worthy performer, the South's loss is the North's gain.

The fact that Bernard Docusen has been boxing so long in New Orleans with honor to himself and his profession, should be ample proof to the legislators that the time is ripe for action eliminating the ban on mixed bouts.

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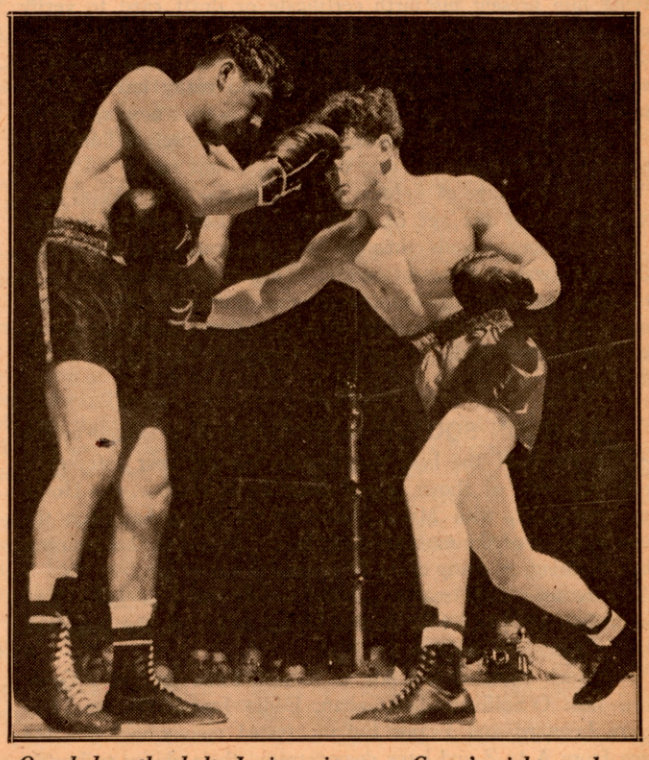
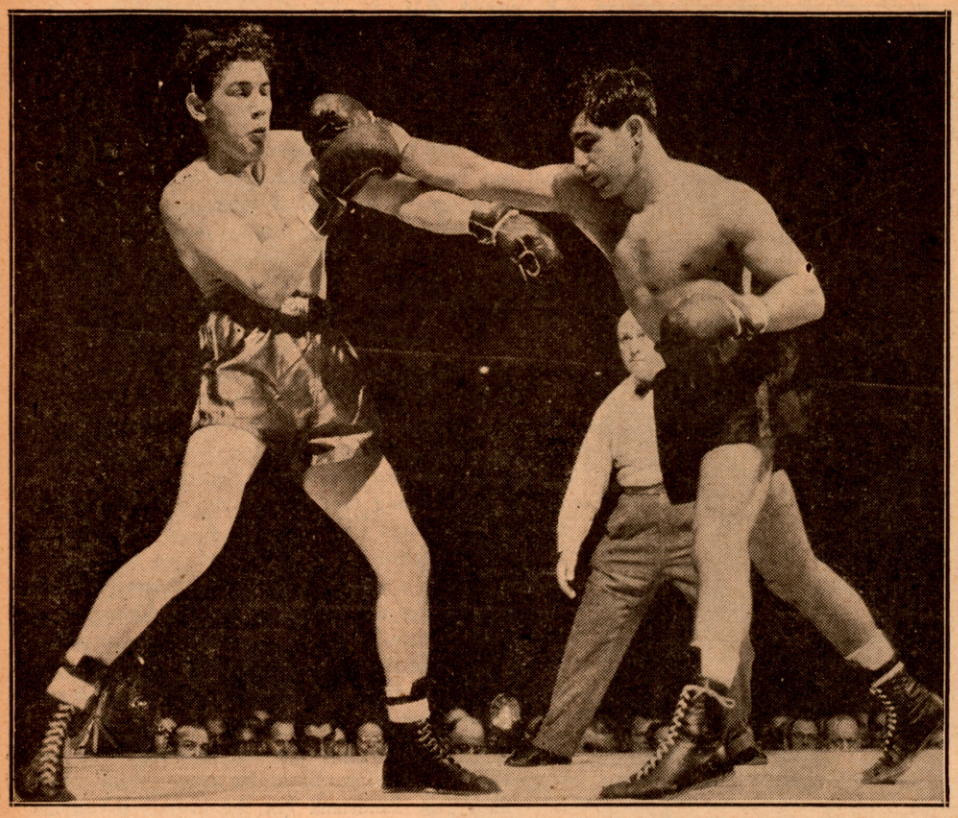
IT seems that the old custom of sending in phoney reports to the news agencies is back with us. During the past two months, seventeen errors in the reports of important contests have been recorded in the papers around the country. The correct decision



One below the belt. Janiro winces as Greco's right crashes home in foul territory.



Pretty blocking by the kid from Youngstown, Ohio. Here we see Janiro making Greco's right miss the mark as he tosses it off with both glove and elbow.

is sent out, but with a phoney loser. The fault lies with news agencies that accept wired or telephone reports in which the receiver fails to record the name properly.

Thus a fighter of national reputation keeps a defeat from the daily report. In most cases, however, THE RING Editor has ascertained that unscrupulous managers change the names of their fighter frequently, using one name in one state and a different name in others.

There is a way to rectify this. Every boxing commission should check on each fighter every time he takes part in a show, by having him present his birth certificate or draft card to verify that he is the person signed to box.

Such action would aid in establishing the correct age of youngsters now listed as over eighteen but who really have not yet reached draft age. Were such action taken boxers now appearing in bouts of ten or more rounds, would find themselves limited to contests of six rounds because of the age limit rule.

With the shortage of fighters because of the war, several hundred boys under the age of eighteen have been boxing as pros in six or more rounds through the falsification of their age. Affidavits mean nothing in boxing. That has been proved time and again. Let the birth certificates and draft cards identify the boxers and verify their ages. I understand that Colonel Eagan of the New York Commission, expects to install this system in the near future.

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN not only should be the scene of the best ring battles but the best refereeing. In the majority of shows staged since Pearl Harbor, the House that Tex Built, with Mike Jacobs at the helm, has been the scene of some of the most thrilling battles staged in this country. The officiating, in many cases, has been far under par.

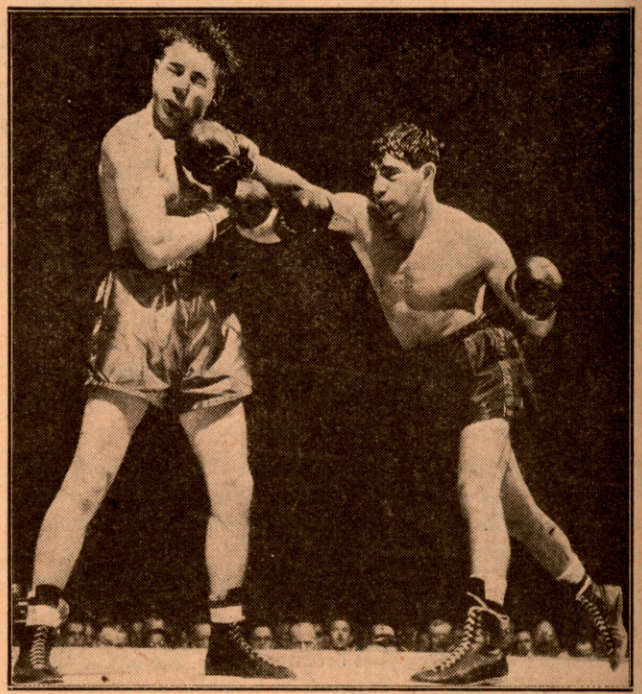
The reason? Too many inefficient, new referees have been assigned to the place that should harbor none but the best, and they have made a fizzle of the job.

With such excellent officials as Arthur Donovan, Ruby Goldstein, Jack O'Sullivan, Jed Gahan, Eddie Joseph, Young Otto, Benny Leonard and Frank Fullam, tested men who know the game from A to Z and have demonstrated their ability to handle a fight, it seems strange that officials below par should be assigned to such an important arena as the Garden.

There isn't a better referee in America today than Jack O'Sullivan, the best official in this state, a man whose masterful work as third man has gained wide commendation from ring followers. Yet we seldom see him in the Garden. Ruby Goldstein stands ace high. Eddie Joseph is as good as they come. Yet we see amateurs, who can't do a good job even in the simon pure ranks, assigned to important bouts in the Eighth Avenue Emporium.

The recent work of Referee Martin, one of the high ranking officials of the AAU, has been woeful. He doesn't fit in with the pro officials. Let him stick to the amateurs. He hurts the fighters more by pulling, dragging, pushing and tossing them around, than the punishment they inflict on each other.

Since the Amateur Athletic Union regards him as one of its aces, by all means let the AAU keep him. The same can be said of several other officials recently appointed by the new boxing commission. It would be in the interests of the sport if the Commission picked out ten leading referees and gave them the assignments that recently has been handed out to the "new talent." Too much depends on good officiating to break in newcomers in clubs where only the best should be employed.



A scene in the third session. Note how Janiro closes his eye as the right of Greco comes home to roost on Tony's chin. Greco won the decision, but Janiro gave an excellent account of himself.

The same holds good with the judges. Too many men are being assigned by the New York Commission to Garden bouts, who know too little about the sport. While incompetents are sure to crop up where there are so many officials licensed, more care should be taken to assign none but the best for Garden shows. How come that men whose names have never or seldom been

heard in boxing circles get the job while excellent officials like Harold Barnes, George LeCron, and Bill Healy are called upon only now and then.

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THE recent fights in which Bobby Ruffin was the loser against Willie Joyce, and Johnny Greco beat Tony Janiro, proved that the point system, augmenting the round-by-round system of scoring, is a good one. Had not this been in effect in New York under the new rule of the commission, both bouts would have ended in draws. There is always some little margin of difference which should entitle one boxer to the verdict and I believe that Lt. Col. Eagan has worked out the proper plan. I disagree with those who have taken issue with Eagan on this score. So far it has proved a splendid change from days of the draws.

In going over the record of fights in which Benny Leonard has appeared as third man, I have found that prior to Eagan's edict, Leonard's decision was most often a draw. In short, he usually took the easiest way out as did many of the other referees. But now that he is compelled to give a decision, his verdict in most of the contests since the rounds and points system went into effect, has been without flaw.

However that cannot be said of the Greco-Janiro bout in which his points and rounds were even yet he saw Greco the victor. In the Greco-Janiro shindig, Referee Leonard and Jim Hagen had four rounds each in rounds won while Judge Bill Healy called it five to three for Greco. So did I. Hagen showed a margin of three points, eight to five in favor of Greco and Leonard had five to five in points but handed the fight under Eagan's ruling to Greco on effectiveness and the fact that he was stronger at the finish. That being the case, how come that Benny's points didn't show that?

If, as Leonard finally voted, Greco won the fight on superiority in aggressiveness and punching power, his point should have shown that difference. That's why a point system is used. It is supposed to record the margin of the rounds, showing by how much one fighter showed superiority over the other. It differentiates between slight shades and decisive rounds.

For example, a fighter winning by one to one in points, has only a shade. A fighter winning two to nothing had a clear margin. If he won three to nothing, that would indicate that he had scored at least one knockdown, a clean one, and if he took the entire four points, it would signify that he won all the way and outclassed his man by a wide margin. Under such conditions I fail to see how Leonard could have Greco and Janiro even on rounds and even on points, yet tell the public that the five points he recorded for Greco should have been more. I don't believe that most judges and referees know how to judge by points.

Janiro proved that he is one of the nation's outstanding young welterweights. He possesses skill, a perfect jab, is a good stand-up fighter who can take a wallop. Unfortunately he lacks one great essential, hitting power. Yet he has sufficient to carry him along against the best. Though he may never win the welter crown, he'll headline many lucrative shows and will be among the top flight talent.

His future depends on the war. Should he be taken in the draft, the best period of his fighting career will be lost. Though he is registered as twenty, he is only eighteen.

The boy from Youngstown, Ohio, is a colorful fighter in many ways. His youthful appearance, his cherub face, and his style have attracted wide attention. They have gained for him the support of thousands of fans and win or lose, he remains their favorite.

He has his fighting flaws, among them the closing of his eyes when he sees the opponent's fists flying at him. No fighter could win the crown with that handicap.

Janiro also gets hurt easily. Solid body blows affect his stamina. He showed that on seven occasions in the fight with Greco. He winced every time he was hit hard in the body and immediately started fighting with flat feet whereas previously, he was a James J. Corbett dancing master, a splendid boxer. This, he will overcome as he grows, and learns how better to guard himself against attack in vital spots. But he'll do. He is a fine addition to the present crop of good little fighters in his division. The bout drew $69,175, with 14,971 paid admissions.

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ADD the name of Freddie Steele to the list of ring champions and top-flight gladiators who have made good in the movies after retirement from the roped square. Freddie, who appeared in several minor roles in past months, is now regarded as set in the movie profession.

The former middleweight king as recognized by the New York Commission, is one of the stars in "G.I. Joe." In "Hail the Conquering Hero" he played a tough marine with a mother complex and did a swell job and now he is being featured as an army sergeant who goes insane in Italy in "G.I. Joe," the famous Ernie Pyle picture. In both he has clicked and his future in the motion picture field is assured.

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GUS LESNEVICH, world light-heavyweight champion, now stationed in the Philippines as a carpenter's mate first class with the Coast Guard has added to the list of possible post-war threats in the heavyweight division a 25-years-old Coast Guardsman from Sasakwa, Oklahoma, Eddie White. Referring to this prospect, Gus writes:

"I usually don't go haywire over a fighter. I like to judge 'em after I have seen them against someone who can sock. When they show me that they can take it and also display other assets, such as hitting power and boxing skill, then I'm willing to go behind them. In Eddie White I think I've seen a heavyweight who with the right training, can make the grade. He is one of the best heavies I've seen since I joined the Coast Guard."

Of his return to the ring, Gus says: "When the war is over, after we have beaten the Japs, I'll fight at least once in defense of my title, provided I don't trip over my beard when I get out."

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WHEN the story of World War No. 2 is recorded for posterity, the part that the American boxers played in the Allied victory will go from an illuminating chapter. The heroic deeds of the men who earned their living in the roped square prior to Pearl Harbor's attack, are written in indelible ink. They form one of the brightest chapters in the activities of the American Doughboys overseas.

One of the finest stories appearing in print to date, was written by a former fighter, Stan Hasrato. His detailed account of the U. S. Scouts who traveled underwater to Attu and amid incredible hardship, helped end the Japanese threat to Alaska, is a thrilling tale of self-sacrifice, hardship and courage with a human interest touch that holds the attention of the reader such as few other stories of the war have done. His contribution to *Collier's Magazine* for July 28 and August 4, is a masterpiece.

Our hats off to the man who as a professional middleweight thrilled Garden fight fans in many good battles against opponents in both the light-heavy and heavyweight divisions, and now has thrilled millions with "Heroes Rising from the Sea." Stan has proved that the majority of the boxers of this era are educated boys who can do other things besides mitt slinging.

Stanley when fighting as a pro, was known as the Syrian Socker. He was born in Yonkers on May 17, 1915, and graduated from Yonkers High School. He was an excellent football player and all-around athlete. He was a solid puncher who scored many commendable knockouts. His training in boxing came in handy in the attack on Attu where he killed several Japs in hand-to-hand-fighting with swings of his battle-ax.

Like Barney Ross, Indian Joe Rivers, Terry Edwards, Andy Callahan, Wesley Sellers, one of Hasrato's group; Randy Moore, Irish Johnny Mulroy, Bill Meggs, Buddy Thompson, Gordon Gardiner, Warren Wilson, Frank Murphy, Ralph Sam, Joe Symelic, John Steinbracher among several hundred other professional and amateur boxers, the name of Stan Hasrato will be emblazoned on the honor roll of boxing.

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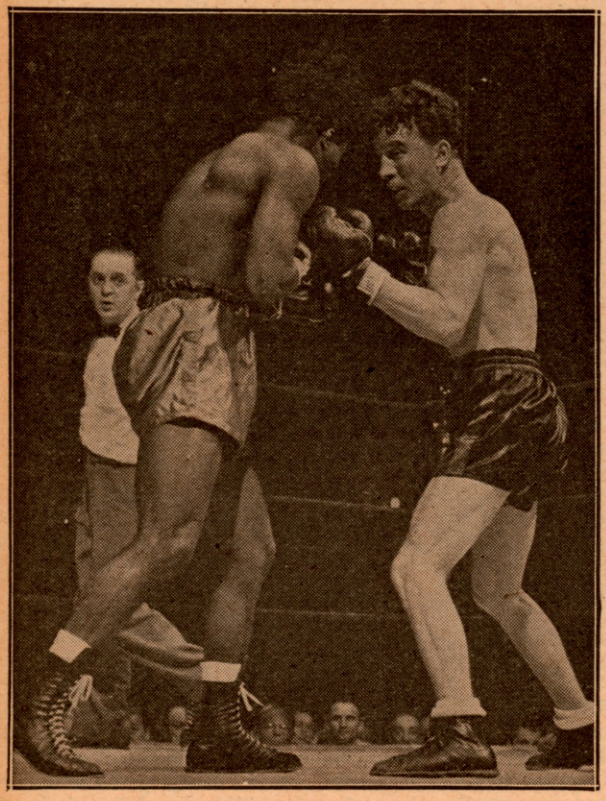
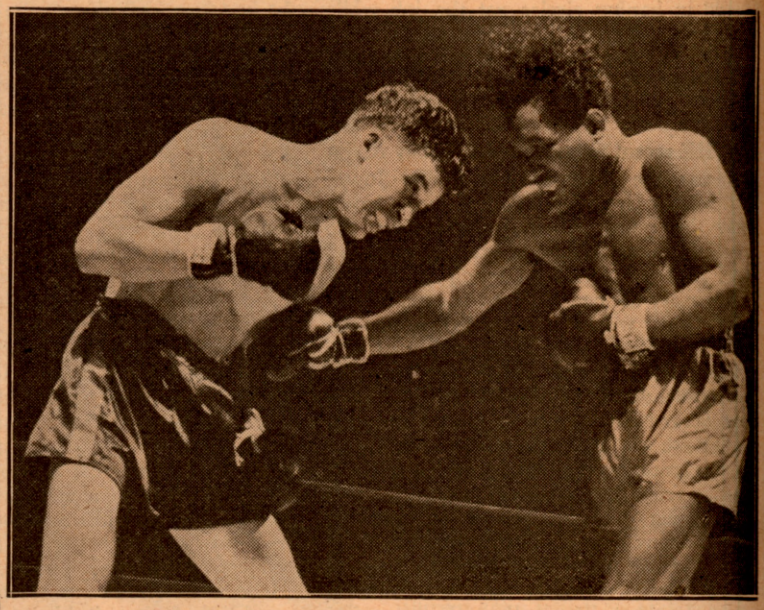
KEEPING a fighter in trim, ready for any emergency bout, is the job of a good manager. That's why Jack Barrett, New York City's outstanding fight manager, the man who brought Tami Mauriello to the front only to lose out on him when the heavyweight started to click in the big money class, is so frequently called upon by promoters all over the Eastern circuit to furnish talent. Barrett believes in conditioning his men so that there can be no cry in that respect when they suffer defeat. He rates tops among the best in the country.

A few weeks ago Jack was asked to furnish someone as a substitute for Cocoa Kid in a bout with Johnny Carter up in Springfield and he tossed in his latest fistic "find," a scrapper who is certain to go places—George "Wildcat" Henry, a 24-year-old Negro who is a veteran of World War No. 2. When Carter was told who his opponent would be, he quickly accepted because he figured him a set-up. For months Barrett had been trying to sell the discharged veteran to promoters but without success. He tried hard to get some lucrative matches for his welterweight, upon whom he showered heaps of praise as one of the country's best, but without avail.

Then came the opportunity. The fight with Carter, who received a shellacking. This despite the fact that there was an eighteen pounds pull in weights for Carter.





The fighting faces of Tippy Larkin (left) and Willie Joyce as they battled in ten thrill-providing, rapid-moving rounds in Madison Square Garden.

(On left)—Tippy Larkin checks the rush of Willie Joyce and is ready to shoot across a right counter punch.

Henry now is a much sought after fighter. He proved his worth though previously he had fought 80 bouts, of which he lost only two and got little recognition Henry is a welcome addition to the list of excellent club fighters now parading before the public.

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ONE of the outstanding upsets of the year took place on August 2 at Camden when Joe Baksi, rated third best heavyweight, dropped the decision to a veteran, Jersey Joe Walcott, who came out of a long retirement to "make a monkey" out of the highly-touted former miner. Walcott, a short, squat slugger who started his ring career four years before Baksi donned the mitts as a pro, and scaled only 188 to Baksi's 218 pounds, won as he pleased and caused Baksi no end of embarrassment. He used ring strategy against his heavier opponent and by nimbly skipping out of range of Joe's body blows, gained a convincing victory.

Considering that Walcott throughout his career has engaged in only eighteen bouts starting in 1936 and since 1939 has had only eight contests, the calibre of the leading heavyweights of today may be properly gauged. When Jersey Joe was the sparring mate of Joe Louis in 1938, the Brown Bomber referred to him as "the most fastest backwards runner in the world," because of Walcott's retreating tactics. Against Baksi he employed this strategy with great success.

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WHEN Tippy Larkin is aware of the shortcomings of an opponent so far as punching quality is concerned, he is unbeatable. In his bout with Willie Joyce in the Garden, Tippy gave as close to a perfect performance as the writer has seen in many years.

Fear seems to strike when he faces a hard puncher. It was a pleasure to watch Larkin maneuver Joyce, jab, attack with power behind his punches, block, feint and counter. Not in several years have Garden fans been treated to so masterful a job as Tippy did against Joyce to win the unanimous decision.

Larkin, a veteran who temporarily retired last year but resumed boxing recently, never shaped up better than he did in his Garden tilt. His boxing was superb. He punched with accuracy and effectiveness. The pace set by him and Joyce was the kind that would be expected of two novices making their bow before a select circle and trying desperately to make good.

It was Tippy's jab that made Joyce an easy target for Larkin's perfect right hand wallops by paving the way for such an attack. Joyce fought back viciously as the fight progressed and in the last two sessions made a grand attempt for a knockout, the only way he could win, but Tippy made him miss badly and Willie's best punches went astray. Had they landed, they might have caused much harm.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

H. Long, U. S. Army

Q.—Was Joe Louis ever knocked out as an amateur? If so, by whom?

A.—He was knocked down a number of times and lost bouts, but was never knocked out.

Tom Evans, Wichita, Kansas

Q.—Kindly let me in on what basis the new scoring by points, known as Lt. Col. Eagan's system, is carried out.

A.—(1) One point is scored for the boxer winning the round by a slight shade, zero for the loser. If the round is so close the official must actually reflect to consider which boxer won the round, he will give one point to the winner.

(2) When the round is a clear win, two points will be credited to the winner and zero for the loser.

(3) If it is a one-sided round, the winner will receive three points and the loser none.

(4) If it is a one-sided round plus one or more knockdowns, the winner of the round will receive four points.

(5) If the round is even a zero is scored for each boxer.

Only one boxer can earn credit for points in any one round.

FOULS

The "no foul" rule exists in New York. A penalty is imposed on a boxer who commits fouls and the referee must instruct the judges on the number of points to be deducted. He may deduct from one to four points for fouls and will notify each judge the amount of points he has penalized such a boxer and the judges to do likewise. The fighter loses the round in the round-by-round scoring, yet may win the round on points.

For example, one judge has a boxer winning a round by 2 points and is required to take off 2 points for fouling, then the round is counted even. In this same round the other judge may have scored that round 3 to 0 and taking off 2 points from the boxer committing the foul, he would still win the round by one point.

The boxer who fouls does not necessarily lose the round in the points system.

James Farrell, Boston, Mass.

Q.—Was John L. Sullivan ever married to Ann Livingston? How many times was he married? Is the picture, the "Great John L." a true story of the career of the Boston Strong Boy?

A.—No he never married Miss Livingston. She was his sweetheart. He travelled with her to the Charley Mitchell fight at Chantilly, France, which she witnessed but upon his return to America he and she parted and she died a pauper in Bellevue Hospital. This is quite different from what you saw in the picture.

He first married Ann Bates and divorced her in 1907. Then he married Kate Harkness and she died in 1917. A year later Sullivan died. Get a complete, accurate story of his life in Nat Fleischer's, "The Boston Strong Boy."

The Crosby picture is not true to the life of the former champion.

Luis Godoy, Havana, Cuba

Q.—If a fighter is against the ropes and while he is being punished, he puts his head outside the ring over the ropes, is it proper for the referee to stop his opponent from hitting him until such time as the fighter returns to the ring? Shouldn't the referee count over the man who is outside the ropes?

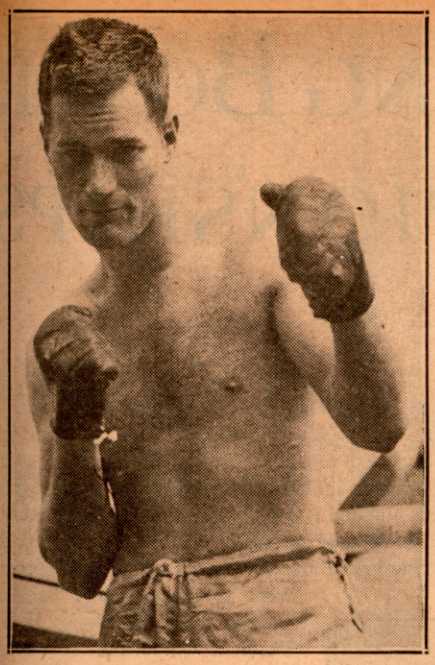
A.—In good sportsmanship, the fighter leading the attack would step back and give his man a chance to get back into the ring. However, if the opponent deliberately tries it a second time, the referee should take a hand and order the opponent to step back while he starts a count. When a fighter is outside the ropes, even if his feet are on the canvas, it is the prerogative of the referee to count over him, especially if he is helpless. In the fight between Schmeling and Louis, Referee Donovan started to count over Max when Schmeling was against the ropes helpless.

When a fighter deliberately pulls the stunt of getting his head outside the ring, the referee shouldn't hesitate counting over him the same as if he were down.

GOODMAN WINS ALL-CHINA CROWN

Cincinnati heavyweight carries off leading honors in Air Transport Command's boxing tourney at Kunming. T/Sgt. Wilkinson defeats Lt. Col. Dick for lightweight title.

By T/Sgt. Louis De Fichy



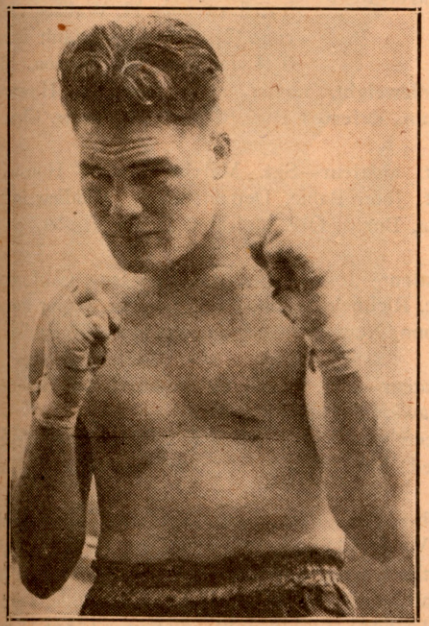
Cpl. Arvel Goodman, Cincinnati, heavyweight victor.

THE China Division of the Air Transport Command copped three titles in the finals of the All-China Armed Forces boxing tournament conducted in Kunming at the Hangar Playhouse in a three day session before thousands of GI boxing fans.

The heavyweight finals wound up with two ATC men having to fight it out for the throne. Cpl. Arvel Goodman, 194, Cincinnati, Ohio, boxed his way to a three round decision over Pfc. Roy Hawkins, 195, Portland, Oregon, former Pacific Coast AAU Heavyweight Champion.

ATC grabbed the Open Heavyweight Championship, the Open Lightweight Championship, and the sub-novice middleweight title in this All-China Armed Forces tournament of boxing champions.

The final bout of the evening for the open lightweight championship was considered by many as the outstanding bout of the tournament. In this grudge affair T/Sgt. Wendell Wilkinson, 135, Cleveland, Ohio, from the 1342nd ATC BU, won the title over Lt. Col. Dick Day, 134, Marietta, Ohio, representing a Bomber Squadron, by virtue of a TKO in 1:25 of the third round.



Pfc. Roy Hawkins of Raymond, Wash., former Pacific Coast A.A.U. heavyweight champ, who lost in an upset to Goodman in heavyweight bout after winning all of his fights in the All-China tourney.

This bout, a sizzler from start to finish, was packed with excitement with every GI rooting for Wilkinson to put the "damper" on Lt. Col. Day.

The first round started with Day, southpaw, stinging Wendell with hard straight rights to the head. Wilkinson, unable to solve his opponents style, was caught with one hard smash to the head that had him reeling, but he held Day to clinches and saved himself from a KO.

The second round was even, and at the opening of the third round, Wilkinson started cutting loose with a barrage of right hooks and uppercuts to jolt Dick repeatedly. Day started to wilt under the punishment and towards the close of the round, Wilkinson dropped him for a count of nine, as the bell rang for the end of the contest.

The cheers that rang from the GI's had such a crescendo that the rafters in the Hangar Playhouse shook.

It must be said that Lt. Col. Day was a game battler, and it is a high tribute to his character to participate in this tournament against enlisted men, considering the usual hub-bub policy about officers engaging in athletic contest of this nature.

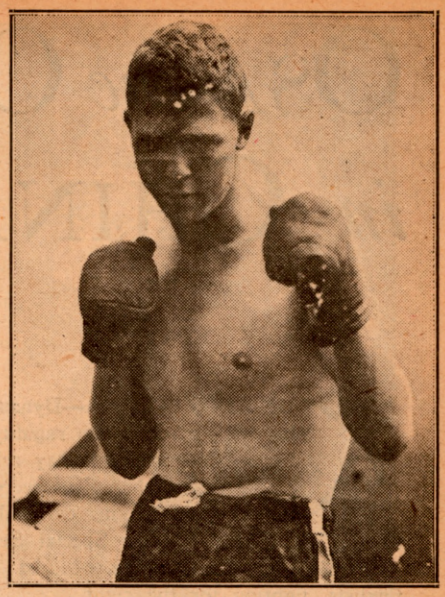
Here are the results:

T/Sgt. Wendell Wilkinson, 135, Cleveland, Ohio, copped the open lightweight championship of China by a TKO in 1:25 of the third round over Lt. Col. Dick Day, 134, Marietta, Ohio, representing a Bomber Squadron.

Wilkinson, from the 1342nd AAF BU, put up a sterling performance to defeat Day, who had him tottering and dazed in the first round, only to be saved by the bell.

Pfc. Johnny Neuhart, 162, Springfield, Ohio, 1342nd AAF BU, won the sub-novice middleweight championship of China by a TKO in 1:33 of the second round over Cpl. Vince Dillon, 160, St. Louis, Mo., of a Fighter Squadron.

Cpl. Arvel Goodman, 194, Cincinnati, Ohio, winner of the Open Heavyweight Championship of China, by virtue of a startling three-round victory over Pfc. Roy Hawkins, 193, Portland, Oregon, former Pacific Coast AAU Heavyweight Champion.



Pfc. Johnny Neuhart, Springfield, Ohio, scrapper, winner of the sub-novice middleweight final. It was a hot scrap, with the victor showing to better advantage as the fight progressed.

Hawkins, representing the 1342nd ATC BU, and Goodman the 1340th ATC BU, provided the tournament with one of the finest boxing bouts of the show. It was a slaughter-house brawl throughout the three hotly contested rounds.

In the finals for the novice welterweight championship, Sgt. Jimmy Whiteford, 150, Springfield, Ohio, 1342nd AAF BU, lost a close three round decision to Pfc. John La Pureta, 152, Brooklyn, N. Y., representing a Service Group for the welter title.

In the semi-finals, the Air Transport Command again swept the tournament, grabbing four out of five heats.

Cpl. Irving Woods, 161, Chicago, Ill., representing the 1340th ATC BU, was

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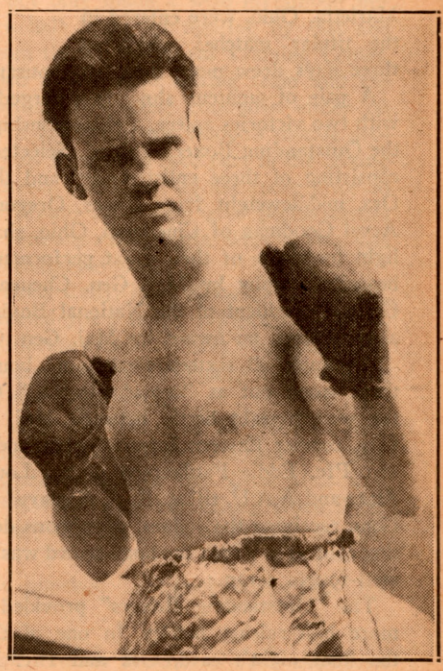


T/Sgt. Wendell Wilkinson of Cleveland, open lightweight champion.

OSA *the* OUTSTANDING BOXER *in* CHINA CHAMPIONSHIPS

By S/SGT. LARRY JAFFE

Special to THE RING

KUNMING, CHINA—Dynamite-laden fists, exploding with machine-gun rapidity, supplied the fireworks for an Independence Day celebration at this base as seventeen champions were crowned titlists in the All-China boxing carnival staged under the direction of the China Theater Special Service Officer.

Culminating three nights of fast and furious fisticuffing, finalists, fighting for the right to be named China Champions in their division, put on a show that will long be remembered by the three thousand-odd fans who jammed to capacity the Hangar Playhouse hours before the final bouts were slated to get underway.

A star-studded audience, including Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault and a party of Chinese dignitaries as well as several high ranking British and American generals, roared their approval as the finalists came down the homestretch striving to annex the title that was within their grasp.

Hitch-hiking to the tournament by air and ground from all sections of unoccupied China, fifty-four contestants, the pick of their class, including a Chinese houseboy, representing the Chinese Combat Command, and Pilot Lt. Col. Richard Day of Marietta, Ohio, were entered in the titular matches which in three days drew more than ten thousand howling fans.

From left to right: Maj. Gen. Chennault; Maj. Cyrus Polley, Special Service Officer, 14th AF; Marce Osa, recipient of the Outstanding Boxer Award, and heavyweight champion Arvel Goodman. Kneeling with microphone is Announcer Lt. Harry Purcell of Newark, N. J. Award was made following three-night All-China championship tournament.

A pair of amateur sluggers emerged from the titular scraps with two victories apiece, a championship and the joint holders of the Outstanding Boxer's Award. Selected by an award committee, consisting of three enlisted men and three officers, Pfc. Marce Osa, middleweight from Burns, Oregon, and Heavyweight Pvt. Arvel Goodman of Cincinnati, Ohio, shared the tournament spotlight by virtue of their great performances. Osa was awarded a beautiful trophy by Maj. Gen. Chennault on behalf of Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing Association. Goodman also received an award by Maj. Gen. Chennault.

Although all sixteen final-round bouts were thrilling affairs, three stood out as "crowd pleasers." Outstanding perhaps was the welterweight battle between Maj. Mark Conn, New York City, former Eastern Intercollegiate and Golden Glove champion, and Pfc. Eddie Faulkerson of St. Louis, Mo., former Oregon State and A.A.U. titlist. Each displayed a wealth of ring prowess, Conn receiving the judges' unanimous decision only after a gruelling contest in which the huge crowd was treated to an exciting and well-fought scrap.

The "Outstanding Boxers" provided the gathering with two more hair-raising battles. In one of the bloodiest meetings of the final night's card, Osa and Pfc. Duane Hosler, Michigan Golden Glover and runner-up in the National A.A.U., hooked up in a stirring duel that found Osa coming through in the closing seconds of the bout to gain a slight edge over his strong foe.

The other "Outstanding Boxer," Goodman, had his hands full with Pfc. Rey Hawkins of Portland, Oregon, Pacific Coast amateur heavyweight champion in 1944 and a veteran of 113 fights. The two heavyweights slugged it out for three action-filled rounds with Goodman getting the nod by virtue of his pressing attack.

Summaries of the championship round bouts follow (all the bouts went to a decision): Bantamweight, open class—Sgt. Louis Foytick, Galveston, Texas, defeated Pfc. Charles W. Brodbeck, Mapleton, Penn. Lightweight novice class—Pvt. John McGowan, Dayton, Ohio, defeated Don Monoco, New York City.

Welterweight, novice—Gene Narducci, Trenton, N. J., defeated Cpl. Tony Pulee, Detroit, Mich. Welterweight, senior novice—Pfc. James Daugherty, Buffalo, N. Y., defeated Pfc. Epifanio L. Garcia, San Antonio, Texas. Welterweight, senior, sub-novice—Cpl. Frank LaPeruta, Brooklyn, N. Y., defeated Pfc. James E. Whiteford, Chicago, Ill. Welterweight, sub-novice—Pfc. Carles Navarro, Los Angeles, defeated Pfc. David Kaluhiokalani, Riverside, N. J.

Middleweight, professional—T/5 Lawrence H. Wallace, Chicago, Ill., won by default from T/4 Radford A. Beeson, Eldorado, Ark. Middleweight, novice class — Pfc. Howard Kessler, Wichita, Kan., defeated Pfc. Richard M. Sterle, Cleveland, Ohio.

Light-heavyweight, amateur—Sgt. Melvin Shields, Houston, Texas, defeated Sgt. John Babic, Detroit, Mich. Middleweight, amateur—Marce Osa, Burns, Ore., defeated Duane Hosler, East Jordan, Mich.

Welterweight, amateur—Joseph Ruscigne, San Jose, Calif., defeated Ardell White, Richfield, Utah. Welterweight, senior amateur—Maj. Mark Conn, New York City, defeated Eddie Faulkerson, St. Louis, Mo.

Heavyweight, amateur—Pvt. Arvell Goodman, Cincinnati, defeated Pfc. Roy Hawkins, Portland, Ore.

Lightweight, novice class—Pvt. Richard F. McDonough, Cleveland, Ohio, defeated Sgt. Henry McLaughlin, Atlanta, Ga. (decision).

Middleweight, sub-novice—Pfc. John Neuhart, Springfield, Ohio, defeated T/5 Vincent Dillon, St. Louis, Mo. (T.K.O., 1:40 second round). Featherweight, amateur—Cpl. Gerald F. Gerndt, Detroit, Mich., defeated Cpl. Haskell A. Laird, Greenville, Texas (T.K.O., 1:50 second round). Lightweight, amateur—T/Sgt. Wendell Wilkinson, Cleveland, Ohio, defeated Lt. Col. Richard D. Day, Marietta, Ohio (decision).

Despite the activity of our service men in preparing for the invasion of Japan, boxing holds the spotlight in China.

Chinese Boxers in U.S.N.T.C. War Bond Show

THE U.S. Naval Training Center, Miami, Florida, combined excellent boxing talent with the Seventh War Loan Bond drive in conducting a boxing program of 17 bouts and charging all in attendance a bond to see the show. In addition, all of the thirty-four boxers on the card were presented twenty-five dollar war bonds for their efforts; win, lose or draw. The thrilling show drew many servicemen and civilians, who not only made a wise investment but were treated to two and a half hours of fighting by fast and hard punching amateurs from the Miami Naval Training Center.

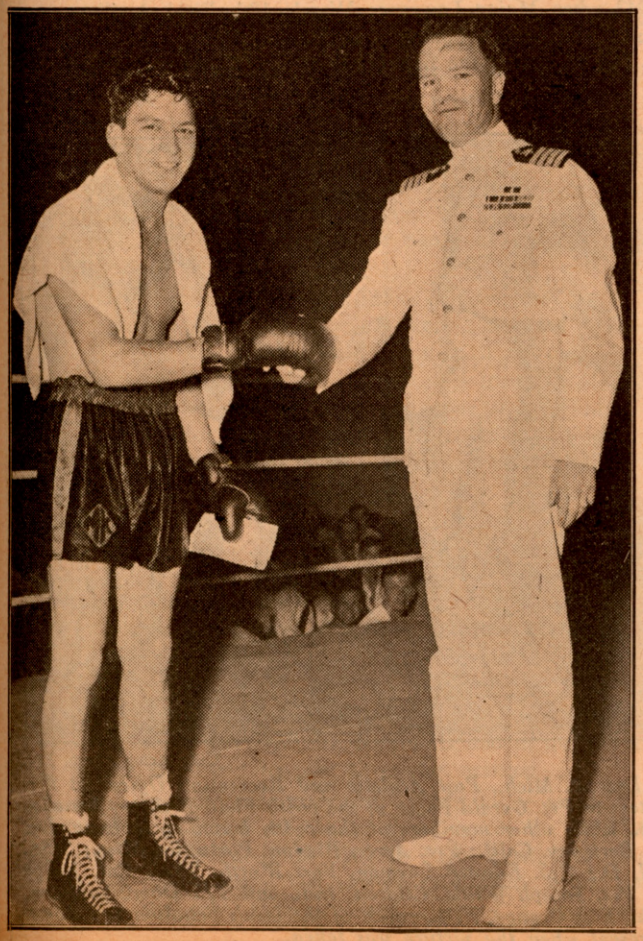
Group of Chinese boxers who appeared on the U. S. Naval Training Center, Miami, Fla., War Bond boxing show. The Chinese fighters who gave their aid to this worthy cause are, from left to right, front row, Wan Yuan Lin, Sun Than Sen, Shun Yn Chen; back row, Liu Ve Chien, Fu Fang Whang, Koo Yeng Ching and Hik Whang. These boys were the Golden Gloves finalists of the Chinese boxing tournament held at N.T.C.

The station has developed an excellent boxing team and the men take pride in performing for their comrades either on charity or war bond cards or as part of the station's morale program. Though the majority of those who take part in the boxing affairs are amateurs who never had taken up the sport prior to donning the gloves at the Miami base, they give performances that would do justice to veterans. They fight with a vim and many of the boys show considerable skill.

In the main event at the Bond Rally, Mike Koballa, 142 pounds, Allison, Pa., decisively defeated Joe Parson, 143 pounds, Miami, Fla. Koballa is the South Florida Golden Gloves Champion who reached the finals of the Tournament of Champions in New York City. He has yet to lose a bout in Florida.

The most popular bouts with the fans were the four Chinese Golden Gloves final bouts held as part of the program. Fu Fang Whang, Tea Chen Wang, Shi Yao and Iwo Chzi Mak won gold gloves for winning in their bouts over Yeh Chung Wang, Wen Yuan Kao, Yuan Lin Win and Chi Ming Hu, the losers received silver gloves.

Mike Philips, 147 pounds, punched *(Continued on page* 35)



Mike Koballa, S 1/c, South Florida Golden Gloves champion and N.T.C. welterweight star, receiving $25 war bond from Capt. Hamilton W. Howe, USN, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Naval Training Center, Miami, Fla.

BOXING REVIVED *at* FT. SILL

Lt. Handler, Former Michigan State Gridiron Star and Pro Boxer and Referee, Stirs Interest in Fistic Sport at Oklahoma Camp

By SGT. JACK LANG

"HE looks like a walking advertisement for the Charles Atlas 'Dynamic Tension' course!"

That was the crack one GI was heard to make recently when First Lieutenant Lou Handler, Fort Sill's new Post athletic and recreation officer, walked into the post gymnasium to dish out some of his ring knowledge to aspiring pugilists. Whether or not he is giving Charles Atlas a little free publicity, the brawny Lieutenant Handler certainly is getting results with his intensive boxing program which started early in July.

For his second in a series of boxing shows Lieutenant Handler had about 80 fighters awaiting call to don the mittens. Actually only 20 were slated to see action on the card because the lieutenant, who does the promoting, matchmaking and refereeing of all the bouts, has limited his programs to 10 bouts.

But the 80-odd boxers, who are thirsting for competition, will give you a fair idea of how well Lieutenant Handler's first show caught on with the GI's here. When the initial venture got under way, only seven bouts were run off. A handful more of boxers were unable to fight because their weights could not be matched. But that won't happen again. The success with which the original show went over induced more than 70 other soldiers from all organizations at Fort Sill, the nerve center of the nation's artillery, to go into training for the forthcoming bouts.

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LIEUTENANT HANDLER was stationed here only a few days in the Post Special Service Office when the boxing bug hit him and he set to work producing the first all-post show to be seen here in a couple of years. Three thousand fans, who witnessed the seven-bout opening card in mid-July in the Field Artillery Bowl, will vouch for the success of the venture.

Ring warfare is nothing new to him. Originally the lieutenant started out on the gridiron at Michigan State, playing right end for the Spartan elevens of 1928-29-30. Once out of college, he turned to boxing and after a baker's dozen amateur bouts, he started fighting professionally.

As a pro in and around Detroit, Michigan, his home town, Lieutenant Handler had 14 bouts and then retired when a recurrence of a shoulder injury he received in football, gave him too much trouble.

In 1932 he began officiating and soon earned his license as a referee in the state of Michigan. From there on to the present day his athletic endeavors have been from the "third man in the ring" angle.

One distinctive milestone in his career, which he enjoys recalling, is the fact that he held licenses as a fighter and a referee at the same time, something unique in Michigan boxing circles.

Lieutenant Handler refereed hundreds of fights before he entered the service, with such notables of the ring as Joe Louis, Tony Canzoneri, Fidel LaBarba, Sugar Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta and Jackie Wilson as the principals. But the most vivid in his mind is the last amateur bout fought by Joe Louis—which the present heavyweight king lost!

Louis took the bout too "lightly," according to Lieutenant Handler, and Stanley Evans, an unknown, "whipped the pants off him."

One of the reasons Lieutenant Handler remembers that bout so well is the fact that prior to it, another member of the Handler family, his brother, Max, had a part interest in Louis' contract offered to him by Attler Ellis, the champ's manager in the simon-pure ranks. Max rejected it, however, after the Brown Bomber's poor showing in his last amateur bout. That Louis went on to reach the heights in boxing, is history and the Handler brothers will never forget how Max "almost" owned part of the champ.

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ENTRANCE into the Army didn't stop Lieutenant Handler from pursuing his first love. He retained his interest in the game at Fort Sheridan, Fort Eustis and Camp Stewart and when assigned to the Eighth Service command headquarters at Dallas, Texas, last winter, he promptly took on the job of officiating the Golden Gloves bouts there.

The future of boxing looms big at Fort Sill these days because of Lieutenant Handler's presence and Oklahoma ring fans will be hearing of Fort Sill boxers once again—the first time since 1942 when Major Lawrence Ware's 18th Field Artillery team ruled Oklahoma's boxing domain.

The results of the first boxing *(Continued on page 34)*

U.S. Army Photo, FAS

First Lieutenant Lou Handler, Detroit, Mich., Post Athletic and Recreation Officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, gives some pointers to Pvt. Gerald Fager of the 664th Field Artillery battalion and a native of Puyallup, Wash., while other members of the 664th battalion look on. Left to right are: Pfc. Harry Brester, Berkeley, Calif.; Pvt. Aaron Rigdon, Portsville, Miss.; S/Sgt. Desmond Sagmiller, Mandon, N. D.; Cpl. Edward Layman, Fort Worth, Tex.; Pvt. Joseph LaFortunato, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pvt. Joseph Willis, Clinton, Ind., and T/5 Domingo Garza, San Juan, Tex. Capt. Fred Wright, East Orange, N. J., coach of the 664th battalion squad, was not present when the picture was taken.

FIGHTING ACES *in* ETO

By PFC MARK FANNON

THERE are two worthy leather pushers in the ETO who deserve more praise than they have received. They stand head and shoulders over the rest of the field since they have taken their last two titles in such convincing style. Ray "The Whiz" Wyzykiewicz and Herbie Williams have won the UK Base and USSTAF championship within a month but have received little consideration, principally because they are stationed in a place that is out of the way—Warrington—and their PRO's have not cooperated in sending photos and information. Had they boxed with the 8th Air Force more often, they would have been headlined in U.S. stories.

Ray "The Whiz" has clearly demonstrated his superiority over the 8th Air Force feathers. Herbie Williams, by scoring one round kayoes in taking his last two titles, never looked better. They are among the best prospects in Europe.

Ray, who caused many headaches in the vicinity of Buffalo, where he lived, is a brainy little fighter, one who figures out his opponent before donning the gloves. Always in top condition, Ray keeps on top of his foe, pressing the fight, hands always in position. He doesn't waste any punches as he dances around. When "The Whiz" swings, you can bet it will land somewhere and land effectively. When he is in close, he is far more dangerous, for the short, well-proportioned "Whiz" is built for inside battling. Eager and powerful, Ray would rather wear a foe down at close quarters. Too many times have referees separated him just as he was about to do the most damage. At long range, Ray moves with the blows, slips the punches and counters with accurate, well-placed, short blows. He looks easy to hit but takes very few clean shots. He's a good scrapper.

Last year "The Whiz" went along well until the USSTAF championships. He had won every fight until then. He had whipped George Brabant, the Canadian, A. E. Butler and Don Bissell, two good feathers of the English Army. Bissell was an Army champ. It looked good for him to keep his ETO undefeated record intact by taking this title also.

In the very first match of the 3 day show to decide the USSTAF title holders at the Kingston Football Grounds, Ray lost a close decision to Jesse Spivey, Houston, Texas, 8th Air Force representative and former Texas Golden Glove titlist.

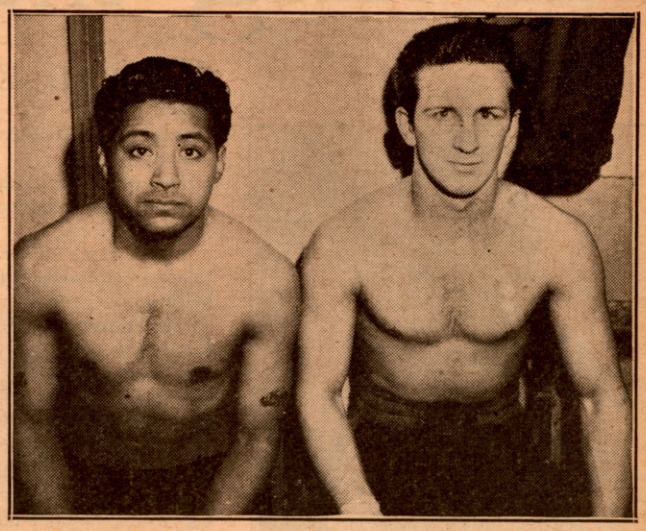
Jesse was an alternate with Jerry Pecararo, the 8th Air Force champ, but he had the ability to take this title but not the temperament. Handsome Jesse didn't figure he could win and had not trained too hard.

Disappointed at himself for his listless performance, Ray "The Whiz" trained with a vengeance. He started 1945 by polishing off Joe Di Martino, veteran Californian, in 2 rounds. Georgie Coyle, the New York bell hop, just returned from the Mediterranean tour with Billy Conn, was the next victim. This was one boy the fans didn't think Ray would beat, and in doing so he showed everyone just who would be the finalist in any ETO event.

The UK Base (United Kingdom) championships were the biggest thing this year. There were three days of eliminations and the finals were held in Albert Hall. Ray stopped Robert Burns in one heat; whipped Sal Guajardo in 3 rounds; and topped it off by taking the decision over gamester Vince Padilla, San Bernardino favorite.

The Padilla-Wyzykiewicz match was a spirited one which had the fans' interest at high pitch. Ray never let Vince rest, kept on top of him all the way. Stiff body jolts told in the end and Ray wound up strong to take a popular decision.

A month and six days after that match, to be exact, "The Whiz" and Padilla met once again, this time for the USSTAF feather title in the Palais de Glace in Paris. Continuing where he left off, Ray pursued the elusive shift-stance artist every moment of the way. Vince received more of a pounding in another swell fight which delighted Palais de Glace fans as well as radio listeners.



Vince Padilla, left, 8th Air Force featherweight champion, posing with Ray "The Whiz" Wyzykiewicz, before entering for the UK Base title at the Royal Albert Hall of London.

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HERBIE WILLIAMS, Negro swinger from New Orleans, seems at last to have hit his stride. His two one-round kayoes in winning the UK Base and USSTAF titles stamps him as the best lightweight on ETO soil. The way he polished off the two men in one frame—Marquez and Philpots in championship bouts—gives him the 135 pound supremacy in this theatre.

Fans used to rave about Herbie when he first came over here. In fact, he looked unbeatable, but we are inclined to believe he didn't meet the opposition he has met in the past year. There were a lot of infantry boys with little training who donned the gloves in those reckless days.

Herbie, former sparring partner of Henry Armstrong and a carbon copy of "Hurricane Hank," has the ideal style for these army bouts. Herbie is an aggressive, two-fisted puncher who keeps up a relentless attack. He weaves and bobs like Armstrong and will take a punch to land one. Unfortunately, Williams doesn't possess Armstrong's stamina.

There are two men who used to give Herbie trouble: Trinidad Marquez, clever left hand artist, and Jesse Puente, tough Californian in-fighter.

Marquez, of El Paso, Texas, and Herbie fought four times. The first bout went to Herbie by an unpopular decision. In the next appearance Marquez got the nod. The third time they met in Bury St. Edmunds, Herbie began to figure the dancing master out. He dropped Trinidad once and clearly won the decision.

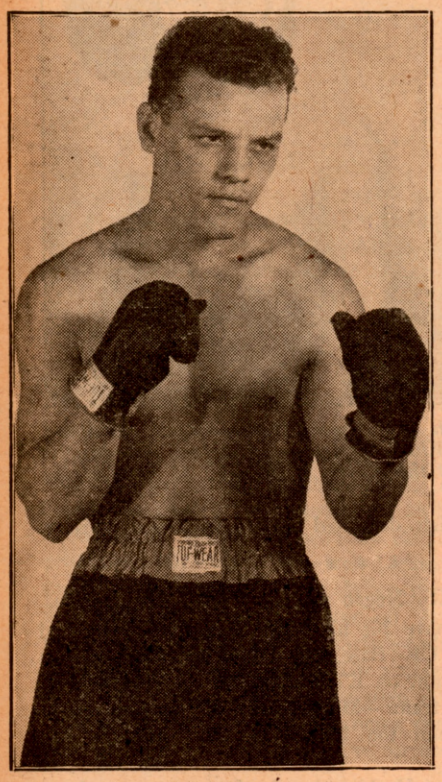
In their fourth match which took place in Albert Hall, scene of the UK Base title bouts, Herbie had made a thorough study of his opponent. Cool and confident, Herbie went right to work and the bout lasted only 30 seconds. Three blows by Williams; none by Marquez. That was the story. In his three bouts for the UK Base title no opponent lasted over two frames.

Herbie's most dangerous foe is, without question, Jesse Puente, another crowd pleaser. They have met twice. In their first match which was for the 1944 USSTAF championship, held at the Kingston Football Grounds, the ETO Armstrong walked off with the decision after 3 furious rounds. Five months later they met at Rainbow Corner. This time Puente dropped Herbie, had him almost out, then went on to win the decision. They battled savagely all the way.

Wyzykiewicz and Williams are not new glove pushers, but are two colorful lads making a re-appearance to the delight of army boxing fans. These two should make good in the pro ranks after the war.

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT



Lou Valles

LOU VALLES

FEW boys in the Metropolitan area have been taken to the hearts of the fight fans as has Lou Valles, a 146-pound lad of Spanish descent, whose fighting qualities make him an excellent club battler. He started his pro career this year and at this writing has engaged in eleven contests, of which he won all but three. In his last three contests he whipped a trio of good scrappers in Lee Black, Johnny Eaton—a Detroit main event fighter—and Antonio Carmona, each of whom he beat in six-rounders.

Valles is being primed for bigger things in easy stages. He has appeared at the Ridgewood Grove, Broadway Arena, Fort Hamilton, the St. Nicholas Arena, McArthur Stadium, the Queensboro Arena and twice in Madison Square Garden. When a youngster gets a chance to show in the House that Tex Built, he needs no further boosting. Watch this kid. He is going places.

Born of Spanish and American parents on the East Side section of New York, on May 21, 1922, Lou Valles had to quit in his third year in high school so that he could go to work and help his father support a family of ten. For two years he was employed in restaurants, then he worked at other jobs. He tried to enlist in the service several times, wishing to join his three brothers and help fight this war, but was repeatedly rejected. His brothers are now fighting at three different warfronts. Lou has a job at a defense plant. No matter how tired he may be after having fought a tough battle in the ring, he sees to it that he is on the job the following morning.

Two years ago, when Lou was 21, he married his childhood sweetheart, Sadie Licitra.

Valles came under the management of "Sporty" Metnick in this manner: Lou was boxing in a gym with his kid brother, Tito. Artie Lampert, who used to box under Metnick's guidance, watched the workout, saw that Lou Valles had courage, speed, endurance and the fighting spirit that a born fighter invariably displays and tipped off Metnick about his "find." The three got together and Lou Valles became a fighter.

After a brief career as an amateur—during which he had all his foes on deck—Valles turned pro.

Every time Lou fights he makes the bout a sensational one. The fans are invariably thrilled by his fistic style, which consists of a relentless attack. He shakes off the punches which come his way and fights back with great fury. Lou Valles is sure to become a topnotch ring performer.

Strong and aggressive, Valles invariably wages a relentless attack on his opponents. He has speed and can punch.

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JOE "SANDY" SADDLER

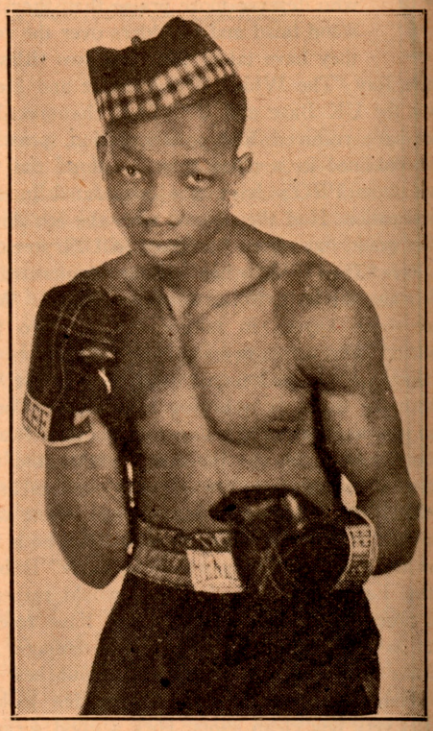
NEW YORK CITY boasts of a featherweight, a young Negro named Sandy Saddler, who looms as one of the best prospects in his division in the country. The lad, a former Navy boy, hits solidly, is fast as a streak and has considerable class. He is one of the outstanding club battlers in the Metropolitan district and his performances have been equally pleasing to the spectators at Madison Square Garden as they have in the smaller clubs. He is tall and fights much on the style of Ray Robinson.

Sandy, christened Joseph Saddler, was born in Boston on June 25, 1926. His family moved to New York three years ago. Although he was a basketball star on his team in high school, he gave up his studies to follow the advice of his father and take up boxing.

"Funny thing about it is," explained the Young Negro, "I didn't put a set of gloves on my hands until I passed the age of sixteen. I competed at the Police Athletic League in the flyweight division. I was 17 when I entered the amateurs, boxing under the direction of Dick Bruno, and I won sixteen out of seventeen contests."

He turned pro under the management of Charley Johnston, and up to this writing has engaged in 38 contests—winning 28 by the kayo route. Some of the fighters Saddler has put to sleep are: Chilinrina Valencia—a durable, hard-punching Mexican, tough little Midget Mayo, highly-seasoned Joey Gatto, Lucky Johnson, Jimmy Allen, the veterans Earl Mintz, Hubert Jones and Joe Montiero, twice, and Lou Rivera.

Early in his career he suffered his only knockout at the hands of Jock Leslie in three rounds. That took place at Hartford



Joe "Sandy" Saddler

on March 21, 1944. The only decision he lost was to Lou Alter at Fort Hamilton on June 15 of last year and a week later at the same place they fought a draw of four rounds. Since then Sandy either has been winning via the decision route or scoring kayoes.

At Madison Square Garden a few months ago, Sandy—he claims he can't recall who gave him that nickname or why—was opposed by the highly-touted Canadian featherweight, Leo Methot. The boys squared off and the fans leaned back in their seats ready to enjoy an exhibition of clever boxing. But before they could make themselves comfortable two glove-encased fists struck the head and body of the white boy and the referee counted out the unconscious Canadian.

Charley Johnston, his manager, one of the brothers of the foremost fistic family in this country, of which James J. Johnston is the eldest, is the man who steered Lulu Costantino within an inch of winning the featherweight title from Chalky Wright at Madison Square Garden on September 25, 1942. Charley has this to say about his latest young protegé:

"Sandy is the nicest, quietest, lad I've managed. He is easy to handle. He trains faithfully and does as he is told."

While Charley felt certain he had a future champ in Costantino when Lulu stepped out of the prelim class, he feels more so that Joe "Sandy" Saddler is destined to occupy a fistic throne. Johnston points out that Sandy is much faster, steadier, hits more often and harder with either hand and knows how to get away from blows.

Sandy was honorably discharged from the Navy.

RING FAVORITES

AT 25, Chester Rico, lanky Bronx lightweight, is back in action. Recently discharged from the Army for medical reasons, chesty Chester is hunting for big boxing game once again and there's more reason than not for believing he'll move back to the forefront position he held before the Man with the Whiskers called him into service some two years ago.

Piloted by bespectacled Jack Barrett, Rico has been waging wallop war since 1938. He has boxed main events in Madison Square Garden, has lured thousands of customers in Milwaukee matches, has been recognized as a leading lightweight contender by the New York State Athletic Commission and, what's more, has been recognized as a bright boy with a will for victory.

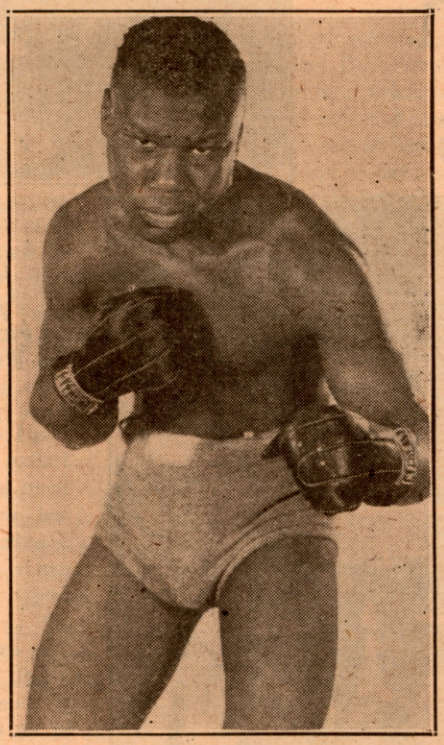
Rico, a speedster afoot and a swift swatter with either hand, has had 58 fights in his seven-year career, losing only eight. His highwater mark was a draw verdict with Beau Jack at Holyoke, Mass., an event which many believed was won by the Bronx boy.

Later he once again faced Beau Jack, this time in Madison Square Garden, and the fighting was fiery. Chester stabbed his way to what many believed was a conquest, but the verdict went to Beau, in the throes of a Mike Jacobs build-up at the time. A few weeks later Chester faced Bob Montgomery, New York's lightweight bossman, in a 15-rounder in Madison Square Garden.

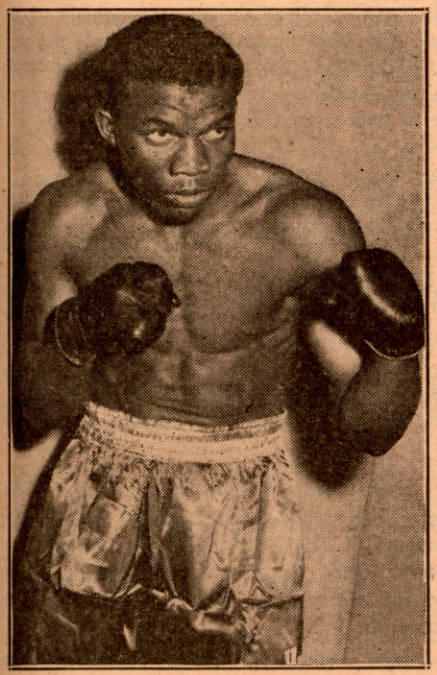
This time Chester started rapidly, won five of the first six rounds. Hard-luck, a constant companion for the likeable, talented Bronxite, dogged him in this one, a cut left brow forcing a halt in the seventh.

Rico is Mr. Hard Luck himself. Brittle hands kept him out of action during 1940, when he had one fight. Later cracked ribs and a kidney ailment sidelined the slammer, but he's in the best of all possible shapes right now and loaded for larruping.

From the outset of his career, Chester has proved the adage that hungry fighters are successful ones. The tall, slender, long-muscled lad, a competent craftsman at the drawing board, was one of many children in a poor New York City family when he turned to thumping for a career. It was fight or not eat, and Chester is a peculiar chap. He insists on eating every day.



George "Wildcat" Henry, Los Angeles fighter, performing in the East.

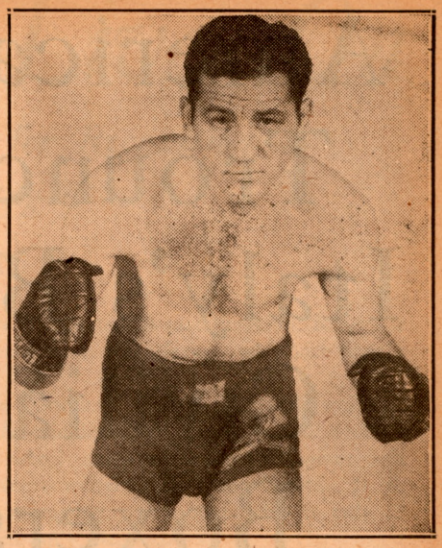


Jack Hannon Porter, Louisiana light-heavyweight, recently discharged from the Navy.

Chester is a solid puncher but gets most victories on sheer boxing skill. He counters swiftly, moving inside right swings for his most effective work. He takes a punch with the abandon of a man sitting down to Sunday dinner and is loaded with competitive zing. Given the opportunity he's a cinch to wind up in a Garden feature, right back where he left off when the Army so rudely interrupted.

Since his return from the Army Rico has engaged in one bout, roundly rapping Patsy Spataro, an erstwhile stablemate, at New York City's Queensboro Arena. There'll be many more such events for him and then he'll hit the high road for the Garden. Sure as shooting, he'll make it too.

Oddly, Chester's great urge is to get an old Army buddy back into the ring. At Luke Field, Arizona, Rico was palsy-walsy with another fighter, a guy named Bob Montgomery. They once fought in the Garden ring, but, at Luke Field, they were pals. Matter of fact, they often sparred in the camp's gym, but now that Chester is discharged he's determined to get Bob into a big-money bout. Incidentally, he's especially eager because Montgomery is the lightweight champion of all the New York commission surveys.



Chester Rico, New York lightweight.

JACK HANNAN PORTER

JACK HANNAN PORTER was born in White Castle, La., April 11, 1926. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 178 pounds. He started boxing as a pro on November 21, 1944, as a middleweight while he was in the U.S. Navy. He enlisted in 1942 and was on active duty in the Pacific War Zone until discharged medically, last April.

Here is a young prospect who did not

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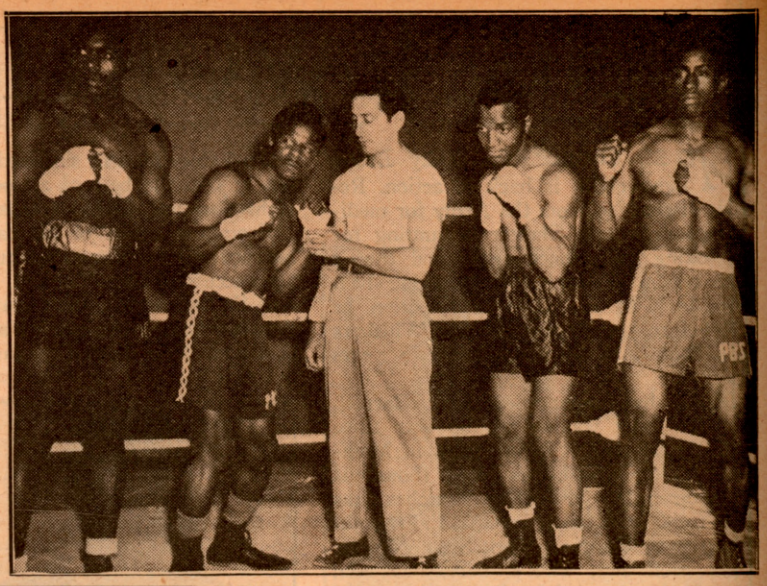
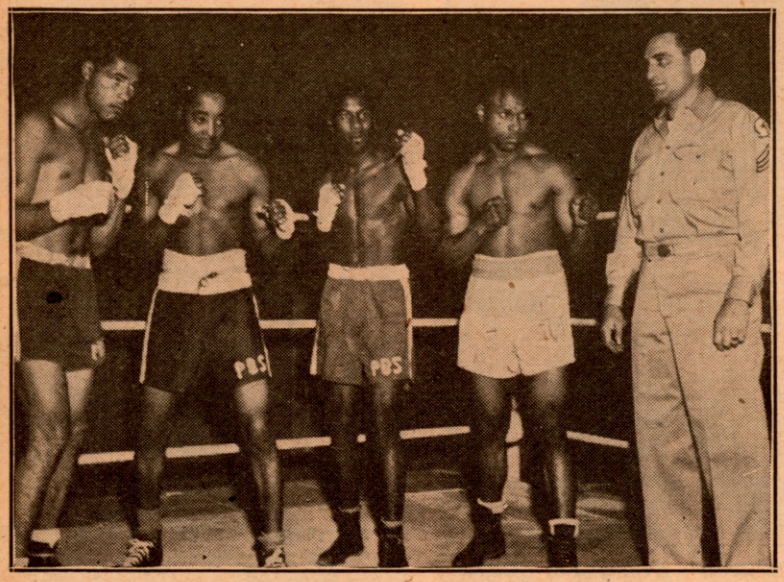
Arbie Bowie, a good Pittsburgh prospect.

Americans Trounce Italy's Best Civilian Boxers



Members of Peninsular Base Section's crack boxing team square off before matches against the City of Lucca, Italy's best civilian team. Left to right: Cpl. Henry Jones, Detroit, Mich., North African Allied heavy champ; Pvt. Cleo Dinwiddie, Evansville, Ind.; Pfc. Carlos Litz, trainer and boxing instructor for PBS, former Albany, N. Y., Golden Gloves champ; Pvt. William Tugard, Cleveland, O., and Pvt. Harrison Burr, St. Louis, Mo.



Sgt. Jules Shanbrom (right), prominent New Haven, Conn., basketball official, who is now boxing promoter for PBS Special Services, shown with some members of Peninsular Base Section's championship boxing team. Left to right: Pvt. Jesse Dickerson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pvt. Larry Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pvt. Henderson Lowe, Golden Gloves champ from St. Louis, Mo.; Pfc. Junius Woods, Buffalo, N. Y., Mediterranean Theater Allied amateur middleweight champ, and Sgt. Shanbrom. The men serve in units of Peninsular Base Section, the main Army Service Force in the Mediterranean Theater. (Army Pictorial Service Photos by Simmons.)

By CPL. DAVID L. MEYER

(Special to THE RING*)*

PENINSULAR BASE HEADQUARTERS, Leghorn, Italy—The Peninsular Base Section boxers added the City of Lucca boxers, Italy's strongest civilian team, to their growing list of victims recently as they won in a team match in Leghorn's "Yankee Stadium," 7½ to 4½ before a crowd of 15,000.

In the main bout Cpl. Henry Jones, unbeaten North African Allied heavyweight champ, of Detroit, Mich., outclassed Gino Buonvino, runner-up for the Italian heavy title. Right in the middle of redeployment work at this huge base, the PBS heavy stepped into the ring without much time for training and took a little time getting started. However, his hard right and left hooks were too much for the Italian.

Marking his debut with PBS, Pfc. Junius Woods, Mediterranean Allied amateur middleweight champion and former Buffalo, N. Y., Golden Glove king, won a clear cut decision over Elio Cecchini. With Cecchini a head taller, Woods found his jabs proving ineffective and began to pile up points with well-timed hooks.

It took Pfc. Billy Miles, Golden Glover from Indianapolis, Ind., just 1:40 in the first round to knock out Placido Pacini, Italian pro. With a good fast left, Miles departed from his usual procedure—feeling out an opponent—and went right to work on his man. Sgt. Jules Shanbrom, West Haven, Conn., PBS boxing promoter, announced that he hopes to match Miles with Sugar Cain, the Mediterranean lightweight champ, and if Miles continues at his present pace, Leghorn fans expect to see a new champ crowned in Italy.

Cpl. Rand Davis, Jr., Detroit Golden Glover, finally rounding into shape, outpointed Edgardo Mazzella in an exhibition of perfect timing. Rights and lefts that hit their mark rocked Mazzella, who just about lasted the end of the bout.

The only draw of the evening brought the fans to their feet throughout most of the fight. Pvt. Harrison Burr, Washington, D. C., and his opponent, Elio Carrara, made it a slugfest all the way through. From the first second and continuing for three rounds the men stood in the center of the ring both giving and taking. The draw decision proved popular with the crowd and the two fighters got an ovation when they left the ring. The results:

Pfc. Rand Davis, 150, Detroit, outpointed Edgardo, Mazzella, 150.
Renzo Penco, 135 (Lucca), outpointed Pvt. William Tugard, Cleveland, 135.
Sgt. Cleo Dinwiddie, 130, Evansville, Ind., stopped Erico Lelli, 130 (2).
Pvt. Harrison Burr, 135, Washington, D. C., drew with Elio Carrara, 132.
Pvt. Larry Thomas, 134, Philadelphia, optpointed Carlo Martini, 131.
Pvt. Henderson Lowe, 135, St. Louis, outpointed Valerio Giorgi, 136.
Ivano Fontano, 165 (Lucca), outpointed Pvt. Jesse Dickerson, 163, Philadelphia.
Arturo Manucchi, 175 (Lucca) outpointed Pvt. Thomas Wells, 178, Winter Park, Fla.
Angilino Chiesa, 215 (Lucca) stopped Pfc. Bob Maith, 190, Baltimore (2).
Pfc. Billy Miles, Indianapolis, knocked out Placido Pacini, 135 (1).
Pvt. Junius Woods, 155, Buffalo, outpointed Elio Cecchini, 160.
Cpl. Henry Jones, 189, Detroit, outpointed Gino Buonvino, 185.

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FOLLOWING the International clash, came a match between the Peninsular Base Section boxers of Leghorn and the Air Corps Engineer Command of Naples. A record-breaking crowd of 20,000 watched these teams, the best in the Mediterranean Theater, fight to a draw at the PBS Special Services Yankee Stadium at 2½ points each.

In the five-round main event Pvt. Murray (Sugar) Cain, Naples, outpointed Pfc. Billy Miles, ex-Golden Glove lightweight champ, of PBS. It might have been a different story had Miles opened up at the start but both men *(Continued on page 34)*

Pancho Villa's Spirit Lives On

Manila, Cleared of Wreckage, Turns to Boxing for Recreation— Service and Civilian Bouts Staged

By SGT. CHARLES LESEMANN

BOXING'S survival in the Philippines, despite the bloody war with the Japanese, is a tribute to the native soil that produced such great ringmen as Small Montana, Pancho Villa, Pete Sarmiento, Little Dado and Ceferino Garcia. Through past decades, ever since the American sportsman, Frank Churchill, introduced the game to their government, boxing has been the number one major sport of the Filipinos. Now with the influx of U. S. armed forces who have freed the islands from Jap domination, boxing in the Philippines is increasing in popularity.

Particularly in the city of Manila, boxing is gripping the soldiers and civilians alike. Manila has been cleared of the wreckage left by Jap demolitions, and its athletic facilities have been put into use again, especially for the benefits of service men on leave in the area. The Army's Special Service Division has shipped in thousands of dollars' worth of boxing and athletic equipment and every week service men are engaging in boxing matches at the Rizal Coliseum. Considerable stocks of boxing equipment being used by armed forces overseas was donated by Nat Fleischer of THE RING Magazine.

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IN addition to Manila's service bouts, professional cards are held twice a week at Manila Square Garden under the promotion of Vicente Cruz, who at this time is the only active promoter of professional boxing in the Far East. Among the current pro battlers in Manila are Young Tommy, Speed Cabanello, Johnny Cinto and Star Misamis. The Philippine talent has been augmented by a long list of American boxers. Also in Manila is Jerry Martin, New England light-heavyweight champion, who recently fought Gunboat Davis of the U. S. Army.

Cruz's professional cards have been getting steady patronage, but they have not distracted interest from the service bouts at Rizal Coliseum. The Rizal arena can seat 15,000 spectators, and the G.I.'s always jam the place when boxing cards are scheduled. The Rizal arena is part of the immense Rizal athletic center covering five city blocks, constructed at a cost of $1,500,000 as a memorial honoring Dr. Jose Rizal, Philippine national hero. It was on the site of the Rizal athletic center that some of the heaviest fighting in Manila took place with First Cavalry troops wiping out thousands of Japs in hand-to-hand engagements.

The Rizal athletic center, one of the largest of its kind in the world, has facilities for every major sport including a baseball stadium that seats 12,000; a football and track field equal to any large college bowl in the States; tennis courts and swimming pools and the Coliseum. It was dedicated in 1934 when Manila was host to the Asiatic Olympic games. That same year teams of major league ball players touring overseas, visited Manila and played at the Rizal Stadium.

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ARTILLERY shells tore gaping holes in the roof of the baseball grandstand but the Coliseum was only partially damaged. Minor repairs were made, a ring was installed and the Coliseum was ready for boxing—a veritable Madison Square Garden in the Pacific. The fights held in the Coliseum have been full of action. They provide hours of entertainment for soldiers and sailors spending their off-duty time in Manila. The boxing shows are great morale builders.

Soon after American troops occupied the Philippine capital, Special Services made plans to promote boxing bouts. A boxing association was organized to put on shows under commission supervision. Pfc. H. W. Loper was elected president of the association. Pfc. Al Roman of the 22nd Special Service company and Sgt. J. L. Strayham were designated as matchmakers. Roman is a former professional boxer from New Jersey, who once fought Red Cochrane and Tony Zale.

Among the outstanding American fighters in Manila are Cpl. Al Hostak, former world middleweight champion and Seaman First Class Bobby Mann who is stationed in the Philippines with a Seabee unit. Mann, a Negro welterweight from Trenton, N. J., has been tabbed a most promising young boxer. He is only 19 years old and he hasn't yet fully matured.

Mann has headed several boxing cards at Manila Square Garden. He outpointed Johnny Cinto and boxed a ten-round draw with Star Misamis, the current lightweight champion of the Philippines. Prior to leaving the States, Mann lost a close decision to Tony Janiro in a bout which favorably impressed New Jersey fans. Mann's interests in the States are looked after by Willie Gilzenberg who also handles Red Cochrane.

Preston Davis of Philadelphia's Southside A. C., Lepp Webster, Gunboat Davis and Johnny Spoon are also in Manila. They are in the Army. Preston Davis, who has been trained by Tony Morgano, expects to turn pro after the war is over. Lepp Webster, a California boy and a protege of John Henry Lewis, has boxed Jackie Ryan, Billy Harrison and George Red Doty. Spoon, whose home is in New York, boasts of a victory over Jackie Leamus.

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AMPLE evidence of boxing's popularity in the Philippines, was seen recently when Bobby Mann and Star Misamis drew a record crowd of 5,000 paying customers at Manila Square Garden. Mann and Misamis fought through ten savage rounds to a draw.

Misamis, who has been boxing since 1933, is a captain in the Philippine army. He was in command of a unit which aided in the capture of Apo Dam, an important source of water supply in Manila.

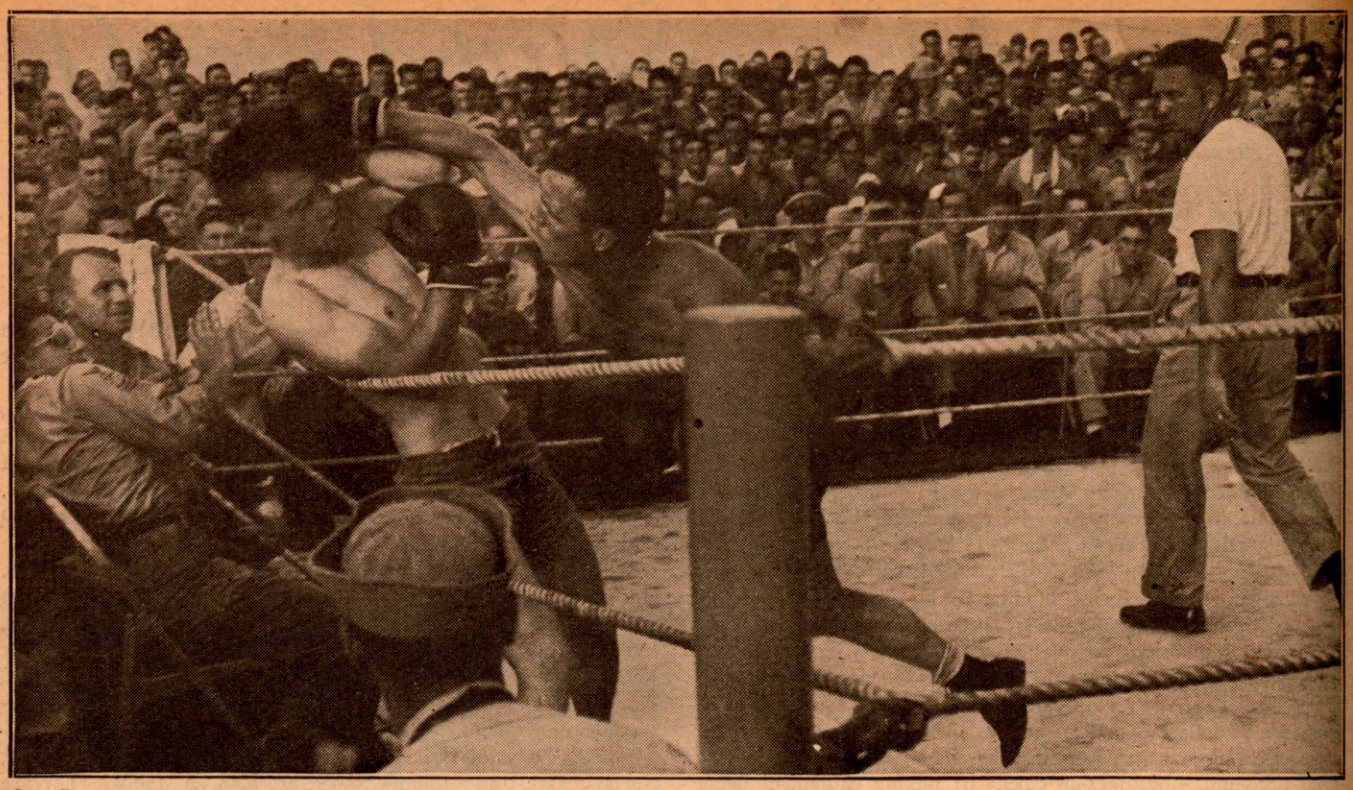
Prior to meeting Misamis, Mann won a decision over Johnny Cinto. Bucktown Flash, of the U. S. Navy, outpointed Felix Saburit, Filipino featherweight. Kid Bascones, of the Philippines, and George Williams, of New Jersey, fought to a draw in a six-round feature bout. Bascones weighed 125 pounds, while Williams was slightly over the featherweight limit. Bascones scored a knockdown in the first round, but Williams was landing the most effective punches when the fight ended. Bascones took several hard rights on the jaw in the fifth round and he was forced to cover up. The Kid did considerable harm when he got in close and mauled Williams' body.

Waymond Easley, Negro welterweight from Pennsylvania, kayoed Tony Aldeguer in three rounds. Henry Holt, of the U. S. Army, won a six-round decision over Frankie Marino, middleweight, U. S. Navy.

In service bouts at Rizal Coliseum, Johnny DiSopa, Fresno, Calif., outpointed Henry Holt. DiSopa holds two straight wins over Holt. Pat Gadson, Pennsylvania Negro featherweight, won over Gon Querubin. Gadson also outpointed Joe Mosquida. Jerry Mason, of New York City knocked out Raleigh Batiste. George Williams stopped Po Diepo.

Vicente Cruz, as president of Manila Square Garden, holds a position in the Philippines which gives him a reputation akin to that of Mike Jacobs in the States. Cruz, a young Manila sportsman, started to promote fights while the Japanese were in Manila.

"The Japanese burned our homes and took our clothing," Cruz related. "My people had many troubles. I felt that we needed something to keep up our morale, so I organized the Square Deal boxing club to put on fights for the *(Continued on page 34)*



Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight champion, referees a bout aboard a battleship in the Pacific. Boxing is the No. 1 sport in the Navy. Matches such as the above are frequent aboard ships when the men are not fighting the enemy.

BOXERS MAKE BEST LEADERS

By LT. S. DECRISTOFARO, U.S.N.

ON any day when the fighting men on our Navy ships are not busy punching the Japs around, you will see them gathered in small groups on the decks punching each other around instead as they undergo their daily boxing workout. Boxing has become as much a part of the Navy as swabbing decks and boxing meets between ships are the most popular form of entertainment for Navy men away from home.

There are more than just a few reasons why boxing happens to be the most popular sport in the Navy. The sport is encouraged by leaders who recognize its value in developing the essential qualities of aggressiveness, courage, and prowess in fighting men. It is one of the few major sports that is not inhibited by lack of space on our overcrowded ships. There is still room on the fantails of the larger ships for setting up a regulation ring and holding a first-class boxing show for up to two thousand fans, some of whom will perch themselves on guns, turret tops, catapults and ammunition boxes to get a glimpse of their shipmates in action.

Navy seamen experienced in handling rope, can rig a ring that is as good as any ring that ever decorated the center of Madison Square Garden. As keen as the competition between battleships for excellence in gunnery is the competition between ships' boxing teams for division, squadron, or fleet championships.

Each ship's boxing team is managed by the ship's boxing officer, usually a former member of the Naval Academy boxing team, where the art of self-defense, under the coaching of Spike Webb, trainer of three world's champions, is greatly encouraged. Hundreds of professional fighters now serving in the Navy are helping young aspirants to master the finer points of the game and from these ranks of amateurs no doubt champions will emerge. Fred Apostoli, Lou Ambers, Gus Lesnevich and Anton Christoforidis are only a few of the big names who are now wearing the Navy uniform and devoting part of their services to the interest of boxing.

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AT Annapolis where young men are trained to be officers of the Navy, boxing is very popular among the midshipmen, all of whom are required to participate in the sport to some extent. Matches are held regularly in the famous Macdonough Hall and attending guests from admiral down to midshipman are required to wear formal dress.

Until the Naval Academy team withdrew from intercollegiate competition, the annual Navy-Syracuse boxing meet was second only to the Army-Navy football game in popularity. Coach Spike Webb of the Naval Academy has developed hundreds of boxers of championship caliber from the regiment of midshipmen there in the past twenty-five years, the most outstanding of whom is Commander Slade Cutter, undefeated heavyweight of the Naval Academy team and now a submarine skipper and holder of three Navy Crosses.

Each year in peace time a large scale boxing tournament was held throughout the entire Navy for selecting the All-Navy champions in each weight. This popular tournament was under the direction of the Fleet Athletic Officer. Each large ship was represented by a boxing team which competed with ships of its class.

From the smaller ships, teams of destroyer devisions or submarine squadrons were formed which vied with contestants of other divisions or squadrons in the same fleet. From the winners of these weekly contests champions of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets emerged. The finals to determine the All-Navy champions were usually held in San Diego before record crowds and the championship belts were held by the winners for one year, after which another tournament was held.

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BOXING enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting the revival of the popular All-Navy boxing tournaments when the war is won. Then perhaps each branch of the service will hold its own tournament and a final contest will be held to determine the All-Service champions. When the popular heavyweight Bill Boyd won the All-Navy heavyweight championship Jack Dempsey was quick to see in him possibilities for the world's championship and took him under his management. *(Continued on page 34)*

Navy Boxers Keep Fires Burning

By HARRY DWYER, CSM

Navy's RING *Correspondent*

LEATHER missiles fired from the heavy guns of Navy fisticuffers wrought havoc in the enemy camps of the fighters who turned their defenses against the seagoing battlers with the result that the fighters of the deep came through with colors flying, capturing the blue ribbon events of the program.

The first of the big battles to hit the deck was the weekly show staged by C.Sp. Harold "Red" Green at the San Diego Training Station, where a full card of slashing, hammering, slugging bouts captured the ardor of the fans who turned loose all of their vocal epigrams to lend a hand to root the lads home to victory.

A pair of light heavies, Farrell Rooks, Co. 273, and Dick Bauer, Fire Control School, drew the most applause when they clashed in a Donneybrook affair, with Farrell doing a Dick Merriwell by downing Bauer in the fading moments of the final round, the bell sounding. Up until the final moment when the pile driven wallop caught Bauer, it was anybody's scrap, neither battler sparing the leather as they cut loose with their best Sunday punches.

Another leather setto that drew the fans to their feet was when George Kalakis squared off with Ray Bailey, Kalakis opened up in the opening rounds gaining an edge on his opponent, but Bailey, far from being through, set his sights and went to town with a murderous attack which all but caught up to the point scored by Kalakis who was declared the winner by a slim margin of points.

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STILL another Merriwell finish was given in the scrap between Jackie Rench, Co. 279, and Dean Bates of Radio School, with the former getting the duke when his whirlwind finish caught the fancy of the fans who cheered loudly for his efforts. Gayle Bluth, Radio School, turned in a good performance when he outpointed Harold Killman, in a heavyweight brawl.

Displaying a brilliant array of punches and working his lower extremities like a veteran, Harry Chapman, Co. 303, copped the duke in his melee with Harold Swan, Co. 298, although the latter boxer put up a fine defensive fight against the fast-stepping Chapman. A rematch would be another crowd-pleaser for the Southern California fans.

H. E. Lee, Radio School, knew a little more about the boxing game than his opponent, Jimmy Garity, Co. 291, who went down fighting against the onslaughts of the scrapper from the radio school. A last round spurt by Donald Harmon of Radio School won enough points to win the duke against Kenneth Dietrich, Co. 238, and Ted Tracy, Co. 239, battled to a draw with Eddie Cordova, Co. 287.

In the final tabulations, Sp(A) Emmet Jones' scrappers from the School Command stable took three of the bouts, tied one, and lost one scrap to the boxers of the Recruit Stable, coached by C.Sp. Green.

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BIG TIM HEFFERNAN, crack heavyweight from Harold Green's San Diego stables, and former amateur champion of the Golden Gate city, San Francisco, drew on his bag of boxing tricks and, after absorbing a lot of punishment dealt out by Ira Crowe, came through under the wire to take the verdict by a close vote of the judges.

Crowe, possessor of a terrific uppercut, cut loose on the Frisco scrapper who kept wading into his opponent with flailing lefts and rights that counted on the score sheet for Heffernan. It was a rugged battle and one that caught the eye of a packed house who turned out for the scrap.

In the semi-windup on the card, Sammy Ryan, Co. 239, used a complete array of top notch wallops to take the decision over a rough and tumble scrapper, Pascal Williamson of Co. 275. The special event between Bob Peterson, Co. 226, and Richard Lindeman, Radar School, wound up in a draw, both boys turning in good performances.

A last-round flurry of punches cut loose on Jack Rench, Co. 279, by Emmett Myers, Co. 268, was enough to cop the duke for the Co. 268 scrapper who piled up the pointers in the last heat.

Virgil Franklin, fast-stepping punch dispenser from Co. 237, had to live up to his name in his match with Tony "Spider" Abeyta from the Cooks and Bakers School. Franklin, one of the peppiest boxers seen on the Training Station ring in a long time, used all his cunningness and boxing instinct to win the verdict over the all powerful Abeyta.

Ducking and weaving, mixed with a sprinkling of counter-punching to enliven the melee, proved a jack pot for Ray Bailey, Co. 276, who outshone the efforts of Vernon Davis, Co. 243, Bailey taking the nod at the end of the bout.

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BOXERS from the Radar School at Treasure Island, came into their own when more than 600 fans turned out for a menu of hit or miss staged in the Radar School's gym. Six of the seven bouts ended via the decision route, and one won over the T.K.O. road.

Carl Bush, Co. 73, and Bob Shuttleworth, Co. 80, turned in the best performance of the manly art when they pounded each other's defenses with all the power of their human fighting machines, Bush getting the nod when the final bell clanged.

Other results were: Jess French, Co. 77, won the duke over Norman Schneider, Co. 73. Bob First, Co. 71, outpunched the offerings of Tex Wallace, and took home the blue ribbon. Stuart Allen, Co. 75, disposed of the attacks from the human guns of Charlie Best, who came out second best against Allen.

Dale Martin and Don Malin gave the fans a thrill in their exhibition bout which ended up in a draw at the finish. Frankie Brann, Co. 79, scored the only T.K.O. of the events when he won over Gale Bryan of Co. 72, and Bob Jungles of Co. 70 proved a hard man for the pudding, by outslugging Eddie Benson, Co. 72.

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BLARING out their musical notes, the swing band from the Seabee unit at Camp Endicott, proved to be a vital component to the boxing and wrestling show held at the camp in which a quartet of fighters stacked their wares against opponents, and a weight lifting exhibition, combined with judo and wrestling tactics, added to a full evening of pleasure for the Seabees.

Paul Dougherty and Harry Golden squared off in a middleweight boxing bout with Dougherty's heavy caliber wallops being good for the nod over Golden. Chick Bartly was everything but chic to Mal Goshman, another middleweight entry, who just couldn't fathom Bartly's rapid fire wallops.

Gene O'Connor, hard-punching 148-pounder, had his work cut out for him in his bout with Bill Simms, but proved to be the master of the situation, and was awarded the decision. Tami Tangreli, and Paul Dunbar, welterweights, tossed punches at each other, with the offerings of Tami scoring the most points and the verdict.

Len Zenkovitch and Sandy Sanderson gave the fans a thrill when they lifted the weights in every conceivable position. Wrestling and judo tactics were demonstrated by Bob Burns, Al Ward, Bob Duggan, Bill Reed, and Shorty Kmieciak.

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BOB PICKETT, Sp(A)2c, wrestling and judo instructor at Treasure Island, comes from a family of champions, but it was up to Bob to lead the Pickett van, by annexing a few titles for himself, the latest being the AAU wrestling crown which he won for his alma mater at Treasure Island.

Bob is one of Maryland's best all around athletes.

The Ring's Honor Roll

By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS

SAMMY ADRAGNA, unscathed fighting from North Africa through Germany, is back home in Carnegie, Pa., on a 45 days' furlough prior to being shipped, probably to the Pacific fighting zone. Sammy is the lad who, after having fought with his outfit through Sardinia, Corsica and France, was suddenly called upon to face the European middleweight king, Marcel Cerdan, in the Inter-Allied championships. His visit to his folks was his first in three years. He was overseas for 33 months in General Patch's Army as an anti-aircraft gunner and has come through without a scratch.

Adragna comes from a fighting family. His brother Mimmie is in the South Pacific. When last heard from, he was in the battle of Iwo Jima. Jimmy, another brother, is in Germany. Jackie, who was 25, was killed in action in Belgium last spring.

Sammy has fought about 90 amateur battles and has had about 30 pro fights as a lightweight. He boxed four times in Sardinia, winning his class championship and fought also in Algiers. It was in Algiers that he and Cerdan clashed for the Inter-Allied crown and lost a close tilt. Sammy hopes to meet Mimmie in Japan.

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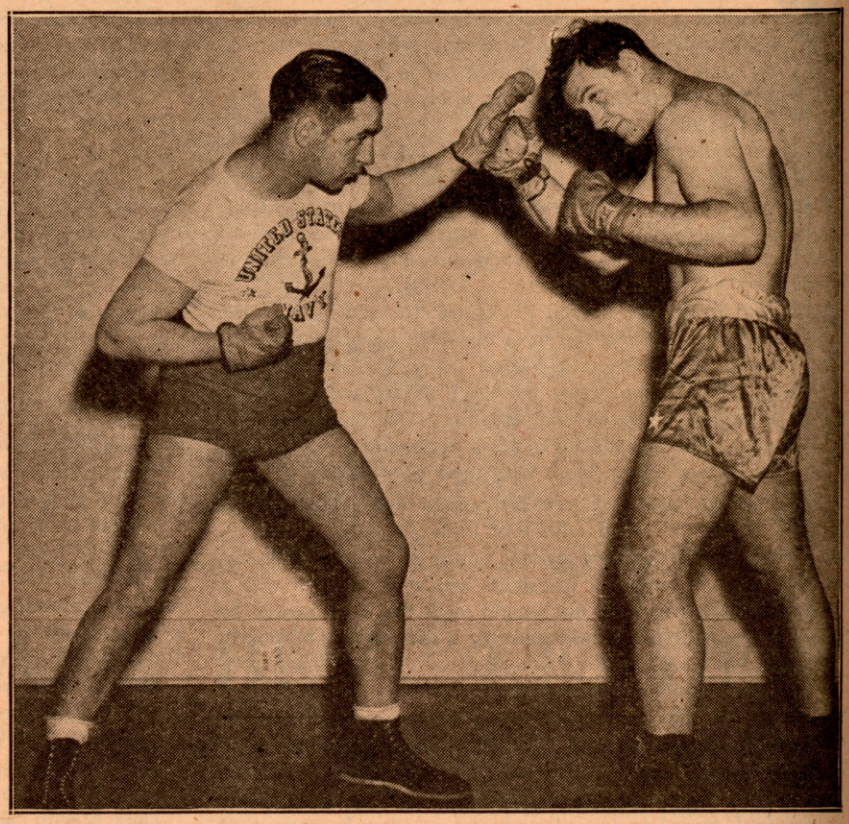
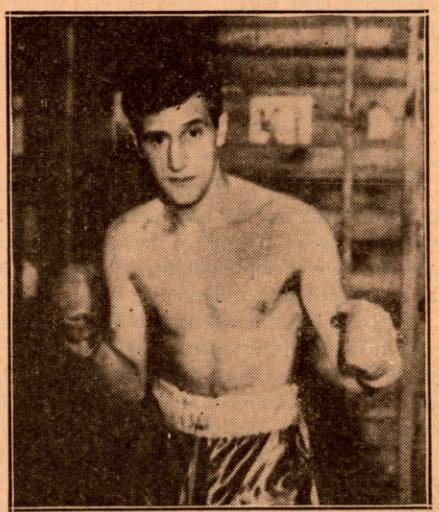


Johnny De Otis, Sp. A 2/c, U. S. Navy (left), boxing director, and Glen Spotts, Sp. A 2/c, who won the heavyweight boxing championship of the 13th Naval District from Ben Miaden at Seattle, Washington.

Floriant Desmarais, who won the Inter-Allied lightweight crown last spring, writes from France taking exception to the statement that appeared in THE RING recently in which Murray Kane was credited with beating Floriant in the Allied boxing tourney. Desmarais says that they never fought for the Allied title, but that Kane did gain a three round decision over Floriant who in a return engagement, knocked out Kane in four rounds. He is eager for a rematch.



Stephen Sabatino, Brooklyn welterweight.

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PVT. ROBERT "KILLER" JAMES, a former Golden Glover who was a member of the Salem Crescent Athletic Club of New York which turned out many good battlers, is the latest sensation in the Pacific war zone. Since joining the service, he has engaged in many contests and in none have his opponents gone more than a round. In telling of James' prowess to THE RING, Pfc. Mervin Nelson writes:

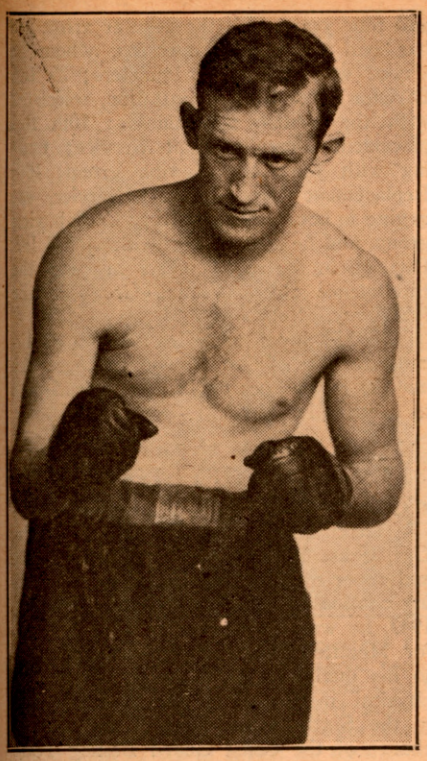
"Through he is an outstanding boxer in our area, he is banned in all tournaments because they figure he is too good and is certain to win."

S/Sgt. Bill Baranoff, Athletic Director of the Delta Base Section in the European Army of Occupation, the man who is doing a swell job in organizing boxing shows throughout France, writes that he has many fine prospects in the zone.

"I've got boxing humming here," writes the staff sergeant: "Four spots are now set up for weekly boxing shows. They are Marseilles Municipal Stadium with a seating capacity of 38,000; Coliseum, with 2500; St. Victoret Stadium with 8000 and Nice Velodrome in Nice with 10,000.

"Sgt. Walter Bantum, who gets a plug in THE RING occa-

First Lieutenant Phil Cohen, who received an Award of Merit from the U. S. Marine Corps for building up boxing in the Pacific area where he is stationed.



Paul "Country" Ferguson, Coast Guard welter, stationed at Hilton Head, S. C.

sionally, is one of the most active fighters in this area and is coming along pretty well. He's now down to the middleweight limit, having fought all winter as a light-heavyweight. The most promising boys here are Earl Syas, welter; Jack Beatty, middle; Charley McClellen, light-heavy; Jimmy Brown, feather; Eddie Gerrard, middle; and Dick Hagan, heavy.

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Arthur Donovan, New York referee, who recently returned from an Alaskan trip with Joe Louis and Ruby Goldstein, is now in the Pacific area where he is refereeing bouts and teaching some of the Special Service men how to referee.

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FROM reports of our correspondents, close to 200 professional boxers have been discharged from the various branches of the armed forces and many of these have already resumed their boxing career while others are tuning up for a comeback. Boys who have been in combat areas for one or more years and who it was feared would be handicapped in a comeback are making good with a vengeance. Few of the discharged service men have flopped to date. Almost all have displayed a brand of fighting almost as good as when they temporarily discarded gloves for war togs.

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The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Pat Kissinger, former star Midwestern boxer who was stationed in the Philippines when the Japs conquered the Islands, has been solved by a report to his family from the War Department that he was one of the many prisoners of war who went down with a Jap ship while being transferred from Manila.

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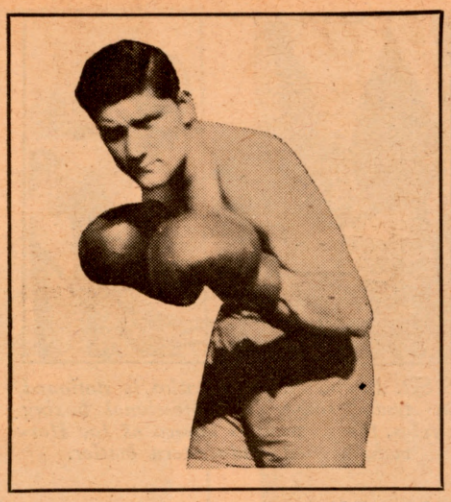
As of August 1, 5511 pro fighters have donned the uniform since Pearl Harbor. Those who are now being inducted, are



Charles Hodges, champion middleweight in the Army of Occupation in Germany.

mostly those between eighteen and twenty, lads who only recently got started.

Here are short sketches of men in the service:

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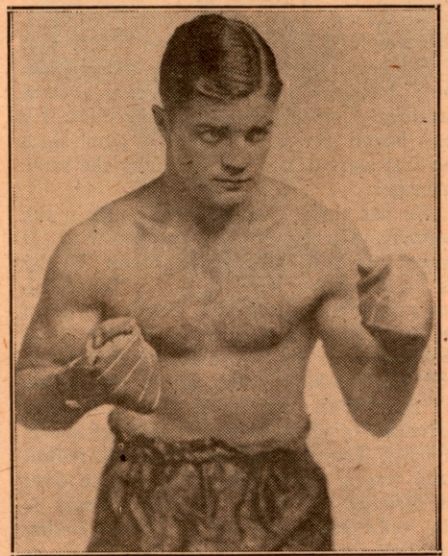
JOHNNY DE OTIS

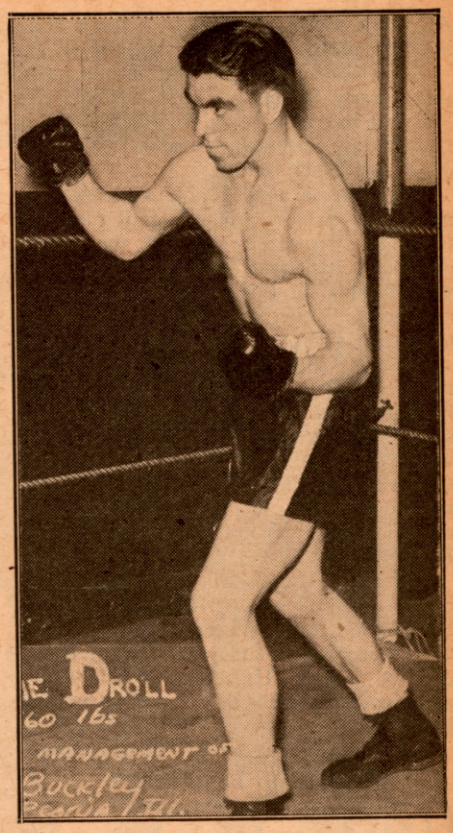
JOHNNY DE OTIS, SP. A 2/C, physical instructor and boxing director of the Navy's Receiving Station at Seattle, Washington, is doing a great job with Uncle Sam's Bluejackets who like their fisticuffs. Prior to entering the Navy, De Otis was associated with the Minneapolis *Star Journal* and *Tribune* Golden Gloves program which began in 1936. Johnny worked hard as a boxing instructor, referee and matchmaker, being one of the main pioneers in forming the *Star Journal* and *Tribune* Golden Gloves setup in Minneapolis.

Beginning his career as an amateur boxer, the black haired Minnesotan established an enviable record as a simon pure before turning professional. As a pro Johnny chalked up victories over many of the best bantam and featherweights in the business.

Lieutenant Comdr. Edwin L. Haislet, author of the *Navy's Manual on Boxing*, gave De Otis his initial start as an in-



Cpl. Richard "Dick" Cook of Camp Atterbury, who does his fighting around Indianapolis.



Bennie L. Droll, former soldier, who has an unbeaten record.

structor, official and matchmaker when he entered the service as he was considered by sport editors and boxing officials in the twin cities as Mr. Boxing in the Northwest's annual Golden Gloves tournament. Today Johnny is doing a great job in the Navy, and when the war is over he plans to continue giving his all for boxing and we know the leather swinging sport will greatly benefit by his indefatigable efforts.

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STEPHEN SABATINO

STEPHEN SABATINO was born in Brooklyn on March 30, 1922. As an amateur he fought at smokers, banquets and club affairs and now is Pfc. Sabatino of the Air Force, stationed in Nebraska. He comes from a family of fighters. His brother Danny, a good pro, is now battling Japs in the South Pacific.

Steve hopes to become a good pro after the war. He gives exhibitions whenever time will allow and continues his deep interest in the sport. He is a welterweight.

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PHIL COHEN

SERGEANT LEONARD J. MURPHY, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly of the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin*, writes:

A former Philadelphia boxing and wrestling referee, Marine First Lieutenant Phil Cohen, recently was presented with an Award of Merit—similar to a letter of commendation—for developing the "mitt" game in the Pacific War Zone. The award was made by the 14th Naval District Athletic Association.

Cohen, who used the name Phil Collins while working for the Pennsylvania

Athletic Commission, says he believes boxing will make a comeback after the war.

"Next to baseball it is the most popular sport among our fighting men," Cohen said. "Boxing has been a real crowd pleaser in the Pacific and I saw one scrap which drew 27,000 servicemen.

"There are a number of servicemen who never saw a boxing match until they entered the armed forces and they have developed into real fans. I believe they will continue in this sport after the war and bring boxing back to where it was around the time of Jack Dempsey."

Now 31, Cohen was one of the youngest referees in the country. He started when he was 21 giving up a boxing career cut short by injuries to his hands. When he was not officiating at bouts at the Arena, Cambria, Olympia or other stadiums throughout the state, he taught physical education and was athletic director at the Broadwood A.C.

The six-foot, two-inch, Leatherneck officer at one time played basketball for the Elks in the Eastern League and was also a semi-pro baseball player. He is a graduate of Temple University, but did not participate in sports there because he was a pro.

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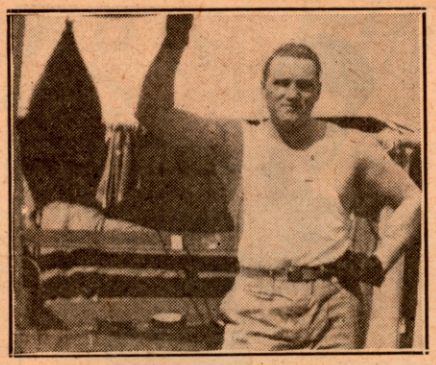
BENNIE L. DROLL

OUT in the Central Illinois area, the fight fans are beginning to sit up and take notice of one of their former great amateur favorites who turned professional while serving in Uncle Sam's Army over in England and now as a civilian again, due to an honorable discharge, is unbeaten in his six bouts here in America. Added to the nine he won in England, he has an unbeaten record of fourteen wins and one draw. Eight knockouts are studded amongst the victories. Droll is a middleweight.

Bennie served four years with the regular army, having been called into service while a member of the Illinois National Guard. He was sent overseas in 1942 and continued his boxing there, engaging in 51 Army amateur bouts. Of these, he lost only to Billy Eck and Elmo Barnes. Eck was the E.T.O. 160 pound champion, and Barnes, the Ground Forces Champ. Bennie also fought 18 exhibitions and nine professional bouts.

Tony Maglione, a good middleweight. He is a corporal in the Army Air Forces and lives in the Bronx, New York City.



S/Sgt. Joseph N. Stefan, who is stationed in Assam, India. In professional boxing circles, the sergeant is known as Joe Horvath, a good Mid-western battler.

Some of the outstanding lads he met were:

Bruce Woodcock, now British heavyweight king, 6 rounds exhibition; Johnny Ward, Irish champ, 6 rounds exhibition; Bill Kingsland, E.T.O. 175 pound champ, whom he beat 3 times; Harry Miller, 8th Air Force 175 pound champ; Pat O'Connor, Ireland's 160 pound champ; R. MacDonald, Canadian 160 pound champ; Buddy Taylor, Canadian Army 175 pound champ; Joe Walcott, former British Empire 147 pound champ; Dave Perry, Royal Navy 175 pound champ; "Killer" Koch, E.T.O. runner-up heavyweight; Chester Mesinkivitch, 29th Div. 175 pound champ; Jack Taylor, Canadian Empire 160 pound runner-up.

Since returning to civilian life, Benny has fought:

At Chicago, George Bacca, Detroit, K.O. 1; Indianapolis, Arnold Deer, Indianapolis, won 6; Chicago, Harold Thomas, Detroit, K.O. 3; Indianapolis, Larry "Cartwright" Gudgill, Dayton, draw 6; Chicago, Peter Jackson, Chicago, won 4; Chicago, Jimmy Wilson, Chicago, K.O. 3.

Droll was born on October 16, 1923. He weighs 156 pounds and is 6 feet tall.

He began boxing as an amateur when only 14, back in 1938, and won several sectional Golden Glove championships. He has boxed for the Brickley's gym since he first started, and always under the same manager.

He has three other brothers still in the service. Asa is in the Marines with 24 months of Pacific duty to his credit; Bobby is in the Navy with 15 major battles to his credit and Ernie is a Flight Sergeant in the CBI area. One other brother John works for the war effort as a switchman on the Rock Island R.R., where the father of these lads, Robert Droll, is a section foreman. Incidentally all the lads are sports minded. They inherit this from their Dad who was a track star in his college days at Bradley (Peoria, Ill.), but Benny is the only one who went in for boxing whole-heartedly, and his ring conquests have all the family beaming with pride.

Droll's Army service shows two years service with the Illinois National Guard and four years with the regular army. He has had 35 months overseas, where he served with ETO Headquarters; 29 Inf. Division; 29th Ranger Battalion, associated with the British Commandos; 10th Replacement Depot Special Service; touring with Joe Louis boxing group; 16th Replacement Depot Special Service, engaging in bouts with the Billy Conn boxing group, and he also was with the 103rd Inf. Division in the invasion, serving with the Intelligence Reconnaisance Group in the 7th Army.

The kid loves to fight and so should cause a bit of excitement amongst the middles as he goes on his determined path to a championship.

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PAUL "COUNTRY" FERGUSON

PAUL "COUNTRY" FERGUSON, Greensboro, N. C., enlisted in the U.S. Coast Reserve on December 5, 1942, and reported to Manhattan Beach Training Station for basic training. In January, 1943, he was transferred to Hilton Head, for Mounted Beach Patrol training. Due to his qualifications, he was assigned as physical instructor of the Beach Patrol in the Sixth Naval District and also in charge of the Coast Guard Boxing Team in the 6ND. In September, 1944, he was transferred to the Charleston District Training Station assuming the same duties as in Hilton Head.

Ferguson weighs 146 pounds. His height is 5 feet 9 inches, and he is 28 years old. Before entering the service, he was a professional fighter for eight years; physical instructor at Greensboro, N. C., YMCA; instructor at Greensboro, N. C., High School, and boxing coach at Wilkesboro, N. C., High School. During his professional career, he held the welterweight championship of the South. He is a good boxer and a hard hitter as is evidenced by the many knockouts in his record. He hopes to resume his pro boxing when discharged.

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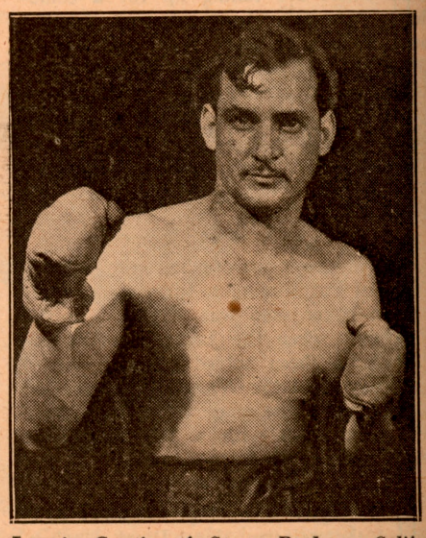
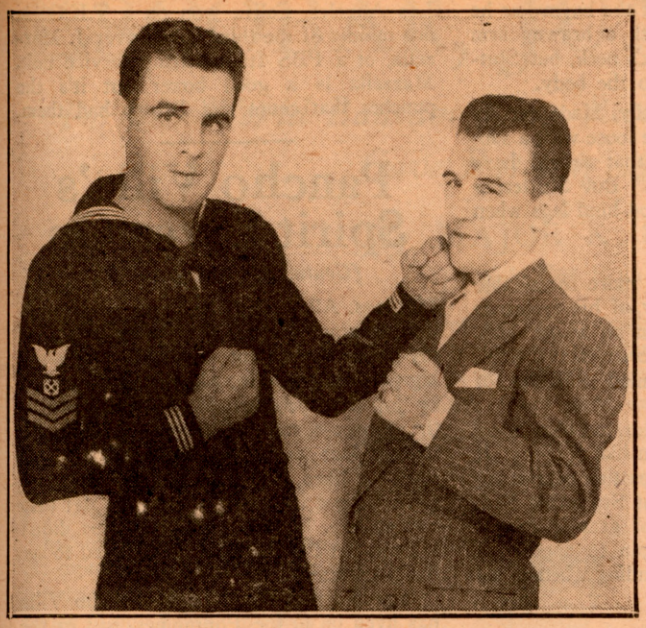
CHARLES HODGES

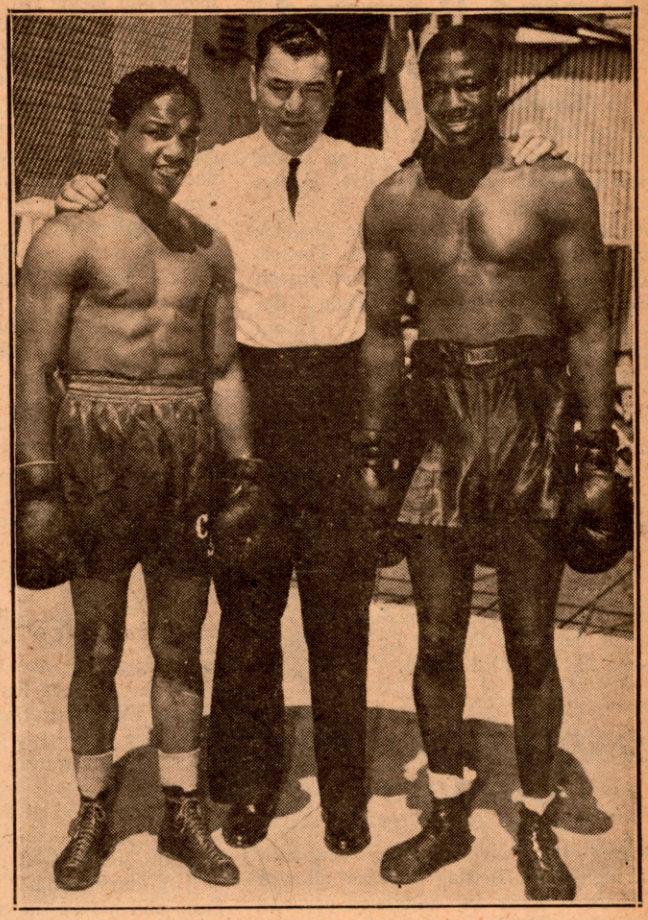
CHARLES HODGES, 20 years old, is the current division champion middleweight of his outfit in Germany in the Army of Occupation. In 1944 he won the Allied title in Newfoundland by defeating the best



Lennie Garcia of Santa Barbara, Calif., who is stationed in the Midways.



Al Schnares, U.S. Navy welterweight (left) and Tony Olivera, California's star bantam. Schnares recently got back from 44 months on sea duty in the South Pacific and Central Pacific. While in that sector he boxed many exhibitions with Fred Apostoli, Ken Overlin and Georgie Abrams. He also engaged in seven contests six of which he won. He lost a close decision to Jerry Roche, former St. Louis and AAU lightweight champion. At the time Schnares scaled only 133 against 148 for his opponent, then after a long lay off he jumped to 153 pounds. He expects soon to turn pro with Johnny Erjavec as his manager. Schnares' home is in Amarillo, Texas.



Commander Jack Dempsey of the U.S. Coast Guard photographed with Chester Slider (left) who last year beat Henry Armstrong, and Wee Willie Williams, at the Coast Guard Barracks Backyard Bowl in San Francisco. The former heavyweight king received a tremendous reception. He had just returned from a physical fitness tour of the Pacific bases.

competition the Canadian, British and Yankee forces had to offer. Since going to Europe he has defeated several good boys to cop the division crown. He has engaged in fifty battles of which he won 42 by knockouts and gained six decisions and had two losses. He is a hard puncher with a fine left hook and right cross. He has appeared in many charity shows overseas.

Hodges is a native of South Carolina. He was the lightweight champion of his state before enlisting in the Army. He expects his discharge shortly and hopes to do his pro boxing in Pennsylvania.

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ALEX "SCOTTY" McCREA

ONE of the outstanding soldier boxers of the Canadian Army, Alex "Scotty" McCrea, is back home minus one leg. "Scotty," who was boxing instructor at Camp Borden, lost his limb in action in Italy. Prior to the war, when Jack Dempsey refereed a fight in Toronto, Canada, he praised the work of McCrea and called him an excellent prospect. McCrea won the Diamond Belt trophy at Buffalo in 1940. He now lives in Eeland, Ontario.

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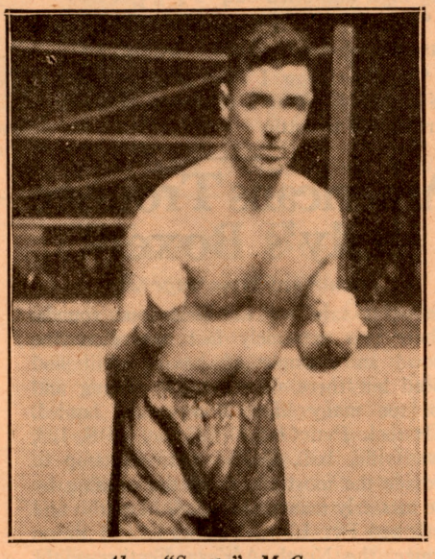
CPL. RICHARD "DICK" COOK

SINCE being stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Cpl. Dick Cook has enjoyed great success in his pro bouts in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Dayton. At this writing he has had a winning streak of twelve bouts. He has defeated A. C. Lee, Ray Glenn, Joe Poindexter, Robert Beaman, Tiger Wills and Al Williams among others.

Previous to his entrance into the Army, Dick enjoyed fistic success in the Chicago area in bouts with Vito Rizzo, Pete Belis, Jerry Hoffman, Jack Leslie and others, but the Army life seems to have added greater power to the little corporal and great things are expected of him when he returns to civilian life.

His complete pro record shows eighteen victories, two draws and five losses.

He is only 23 years old and has been boxing for five years. In his short amateur career he twice won the Golden Gloves title at Peoria, Ill.



Alex "Scotty" McCrea

T/SGT. MARTY SMITH

T/SGT. MARTY SMITH, American Forces Network fightcaster, who perhaps holds the record for GI fights broadcast, is back home in New York after more than 26 months overseas. Smith aired the blow-by-blow description of the weekly bouts at Rainbow Corner in London for almost two years, some of which featured Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Lew Jenkins, Freddy Mills as well as the top-notch leather pushers in Uncle Sam's Army and Navy. In addition to his fight chores, Smith held down the job of News Editor in AFN's news department which sent out 20 daily newscasts over the giant GI hookup's powerful transmitters, to more than two million troops in the UK and on the continent. Before joining the armed forces, Smith was a popular sports and radio writer, who wrote under the name of Marvin Ryerson. Smith is at present with Army News Service in New York.

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AL HOSTAK

AL HOSTAK, former world's middleweight boxing champion, was sitting in a framed bamboo tent on Luzon in the Philippines, telling about his first parachute jump.

"It was a lot like my first fight," the 29-year-old Seattle battler, now a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division, related. "In both cases, I forgot most of

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Boxing Revived at Ft. Sill

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program, held in mid-July, follow:

Featherweight class—Pvt. Joseph Mafei, Ravenna, Ohio, decisioned Pvt. Albert Knowles, Miami, Fla.

Welterweight class—Pvt. Jack Shapiro, Toronto, Canada, decisioned Pvt. Thomas Akczinski, Baltimore, Md., and Pvt. Joseph Santello, West Manayunk, Penn., decisioned Pvt. Everett Halcomb, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Light-heavyweight class—Pvt. Earl Lister, Indian Wells, Ariz., decisioned Pvt. Barry McGuffie, Warren, Ohio, and Pvt. Bobby Webb, Wetumka, Oklahoma, decisioned Pvt. Anthony Michela, Albany, N. Y.

Heavyweight class — Pvt. Raymond Thomas, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, scored a technical knockout over Pvt. Harry Johnson, Wausau, Wis., third round, and Pvt. John Gerald Fager, Puyallup, Wash., knocked out Pvt. Harold LaFond, Manchester, N. H., third round.

Boxers Make Best Leaders

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Boxing in the Navy has always been held on a high level. Betting is never allowed and there is never any admission price to the matches. The boxers are of course unpaid and participate purely for the sport of the game. In my ten years of service in the Navy I have found that almost invariably the boxers are the best promoters of ship's spirit, the most dependable individuals in emergencies and make the most reliable leaders. In the ring, they exhibit the same dauntless courage and aggressiveness with which they are facing the enemy in battle and they symbolize the spirit of the typical American sailor now busy making an opening for the final blow against our tough enemy.

"John L." and Stuttering Sam

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crawled through the ropes, a roof-raising roar exploded.

This was Stuttering Sam's moment. Now he would answer the derisive laughter that had been leveled at him in the Saginaw saloon—answer it without stammering.

When quiet came, Stuttering Sam addressed the manager.

"W-w-where's the gold?" he asked.

"Here, sir," said the little one. He smiled wryly as he held up the bag containing ten 20-dollar gold pieces.

Stuttering Sam nodded, satisfied. Then he peeled off his shirt and pulled off his pants, and stood, not quite sure what to do next, all togged out in his homemade trunks, and hobnailed boots. Shifting his quid from one cheek to the other, he looked quizzically at the champion. And "John L." looked quizzically back. . . .

Gong! went the bell.

John L. charged at Stuttering Sam like a bull seeing red, but the haymaker he aimed never landed. With a brawny arm he circled the lumberjack's neck, but Stuttering Sam got one in to the body.

The crowd cheered lustily. Maddened by his failure, "John L." tore loose with a succession of rapid blows that should have floored "any living man." But Stuttering Sam still stood on his good hind legs when the round ended.

Gong! went the bell.

Now "John L." seemed more formidable than ever. The thick hair of his eyebrows stood on end like that on an angry dog's back. His massive jaws were clenched tight. But Stuttering Sam seemed oblivious of all this.

The champion rained blow on blow upon the lumberjack with levin-like rapidity. It was apparent that he was putting everything he knew into his fists. But Stuttering Sam stood there like a piece of granite, except that bruises and cuts began to appear all over him. He was still standing when round two ended.

Gong! went the bell.

Now, "John L." knew, something had to be done, not merely to keep his gold pieces but to save his reputation. And so it was that Stuttering Sam was handed everything the mighty mauler had given him before, plus. But even with the plus it was not enough.

For at the end of round three, the lumberjack still stood upright in the ring, bleeding and bruised though he was.

"G-g-gimme that!" shouted Stuttering Sam, and before the manager had time to comply, the victorious lumberjack had the bag of gold in his hand.

He fairly fell through the ropes onto the shoulders of admiring fellows, and as they carried him off triumphantly, he held the bag high and cried out, "I g-g-got it!"

"John L." sat down in the corner of the ring and shook his head unbelievingly.

"Toughest egg I ever tried to crack!" he muttered, taking a drink out of his mysterious black bottle.

Americans Trounce Italy's Boxers

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played it safe for the first four rounds. These two extremely fast men gave the crowd an example of boxing skill and speed but there wasn't much mixing and not too many hard blows were landed.

It took Pvt. Cleo Dinwiddie, PBS, 128, Evansville, Ind., Golden Glove champ to provide the most thrills of the evening by the masterly manner in which he outhit and outboxed Pvt. Lloyd Virdue, 126, of Baton Rouge, the North African Featherweight champ and former PBS boxer.

Pvt. Harrison Burr, PBS, 139, Golden Glover from Washington, D. C., scored the night's first upset by nosing out a decision over the Theater amateur lightweight champ, Pvt. Willy Thomas, 138, of Tampa, Fla., in a three-rounder.

Favored Pvt. Milton Glass, 138, of the Air Corps, a pro from Akron, Ohio, and the Theater pro lightweight champ, fought a draw against Pvt. Larry Thomas, PBS, 136, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Cpl. Henry Brown, Air Corps, 145, of Los Angeles, Calif., won on a T.K.O. in one minute of the third round over J. Mazzella, of a PBS Italian army service unit. Mazzella is a good boxer but it's the punches that count and Brown had them.

Pancho Villa's Spirit Lives On

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Filipinos. All during the Japanese occupation, boxing was the only thing that gave my people any decent recreation. Our moving pictures and our radios were controlled by Japanese propaganda, and the lies that the Japanese told us could not help our morale. But we had boxing bouts whether the Japs liked it or not, and the entertainment we got out of this certainly did help our morale. It's a wonder the Japs didn't kill me, but I'm thankful that I lived to see the Americans come back."

It seems that the spirit of Pancho Villa has lived on in the Philippines, just as the spirit of his followers lived during their recent trials.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER

By HARRY MANSBACH

FREDDIE ARCHER, Newark welterweight, won by a big margin over Johnnie Williams of Montgomery, Ala., in the main 10-round bout in Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark. Referee Paul Cavalier gave Archer the first, second, fifth, sixth, ninth and tenth frames, Williams the fourth, seventh and eighth and called the third even. Archer weighed 145, and Williams 139.

Referee Tommie Elm stopped the bout between Sammy Crandall, 154, Akron, and Artie Towne, N.Y.C., in the fourth, calling it no-contest for lack of action. Jimmie White, 182, Staten Island, decisioned Jim Crawford, 211, Cliffside Park, in four.

Joe Curcio, 155, Newark, racked up his 26th victory in 28 pro starts in scoring a T.K.O. over Irish Jimmy Mulligan, 161, Boston, at the Roosevelt Stadium, Union City. The referee stopped the fight in 14 seconds of the fourth. Lou Alter, 126, Montreal, outpointed Frank Franconeri, 132, Bayonne, in an eight-rounder. In fours, Billy Roberts, 166, N.Y.C., decisioned Solly Zolter, 158, Montreal. Jimmy Callura, 118, Montreal, knocked out Mike Forte.

Joe Baksi second ranked war-time heavyweight, was beaten in a sizzling fistic upset by the unknown Jersey Joe Walcott of Merchantville, New Jersey, at Camden's Convention Hall. Walcott exhibited some fancy dodging to escape from the reach of the powerful Kulpmont, Pa., boxer, but managed to get in some hard, powerful hooks which were enough to make Baksi groggy.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses, etc. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed, stamped envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark 2, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around New Jersey and Metropolitan New York, and have no managerial ties, contact the writer.

Charlie Fusari, 139, Newark, knocked out Pat Scanlon, 138, Ozone Park, N. Y., in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round feature bout at Twin City Bowl. Scanlon hurt his ankle in the fifth. Fusari piled up his 22nd straight victory and the 17th K.O. of his professional career. Clint Miller, 214, Elizabeth, decisioned Koko Ortiz, 122, Mexico City, in the semi-final eight. Harry Preston, 139, N.Y.C., knocked out Freddie Torres, 138, N.Y.C., in the second.

Freddy Fiducia, Newark, heavyweight, recovered from a bad start to pound out a decision over Billy Grant of Orange in the Meadowbrook Bowl's 10-round feature. Fiducia made good use of a nine-pound pull in the weights 185 to 176.

In a six rounder, Paddy DeMarco, 137, N.Y.C., defeated Oscar Williams, 136, N.Y.C. Sal Ritchie, 147, N.Y.C., defeated Jimmy Taylor, 150, Jamaica, L. I., in a sixer. Oscar Goode, 173, Newark, decisioned Warren Powell, 162, N.Y.C. Johnny Land, 122, Newark, stopped Tommy Monty, 125, N.Y.C., in the second round of a scheduled four.

ESCOBAR, JUNGLE FIGHTER

Former World Bantam King Received Special Training in Hawaii for Cave Battling Against the Japanese

By MAJOR K. S. VANDERGRIFT

Special to THE RING *from the Hawaiian Islands*

SIXTO ESCOBAR, former world's bantamweight champion, is now in Hawaii with a Puerto Rican regiment undergoing combat training in the world's largest jungle and combat training center. The rugged ex-world's champion is now a Technician 5th grade in charge of the regiment's special service activities.

Escobar is 31 years old now. He captured the bantamweight title back in 1935 when he defeated Lou Salica in New York City. He defended his title many times and then went back to his home in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. Sixto got married when he was in New York and now his wife and baby boy live in Puerto Rico and await his return from the biggest bout of his career.

Sixto told Lisle Shoemaker, United Press war correspondent in the Pacific, "I'm not going to let my boy be a fighter. I did pretty good and saved most of my money but I want him to get an education and go into business for himself."

Corporal Escobar came into the Army in 1943 and was on duty with his present regiment in Panama. Now he tips the Toledoes at 127 pounds and while he is in fine trim he does not intend to ever return to the ring. He does box in exhibitions now and then but it is just for fun. He has lined up many good bouts for his men and on the boat coming to Hawaii he staged several smokers. He now plans to take a hand in lining up some bouts for the summer program in the famed Schofield Barracks Bowl.

Sixto Escobar of Puerto Rico and Col. William "Wild Bill" Saffarrans, former Georgetown football star and now commandant of the Pacific Combat Training Center in Hawaii.

The former champion is taking the complete course in the Combat school which includes flame throwers, cave fighting and hand-to-hand tactics. In the latter, he excels and he intends to learn every trick since he feels that fists alone are not enough in this big bout.

Escobar's commanding officer is Colonel Ramon Nadal, a graduate of West Point. While Escobar understands English, the language of his regiment is Spanish and native Hawaiians now hear another language being used in the "Melting Pot Islands" of the Pacific.

Sixto is one of the most popular members of his outfit. The same fighting spirit that he always displayed when in a pro boxing bout in which a title was at stake, is seen in his work in the field while tuning up for the Japs. Sixto is eager to get to Japan.

Goodman Wins All-China Crown

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TKO'ed in 1:20 of the third round by Pfc. Howard Kessler, 167, Wichita, Kansas, of a Service Group.

Sgt. Jimmy Whiteford, 150, Springfield, Ohio, 1342nd ATC BU, made it three straight when he pounded out a three round decision over Cpl. Ed Talbot, 152, Detroit, Mich., from a QM detachment.

In the sub-novice middleweight class Pfc. Johnny Neuhart, Springfield, Ohio, from the 1342nd ATC BU, gained a TKO in 1:33 of the second round over Cpl. Vince Dillon, 160, St. Louis, Mo., when he was unable to continue.

In the heavyweight open class Pfc. Arvel Goodman, 195, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1340th ATC BU, engaged in a slugfest with Sgt. Jim Jason, 194, Manhasset, Mass., from the 14th Air Force, in one of the hottest bouts of the evening. Goodman had his man on the verge of a KO in the third round, but the referee stopped the fight and awarded the bout to Arvel on a TKO at 1:30.

Chinese Boxers

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out a close decision over Cliff Grady, 140 pounds, in the semi-final bout.

The other bouts' results were: Bill Yohan, 105, drew with Art Manan, 107; John Grappo, 145, won over Ray Jardine, 149; Bicycle Kelly, 130, defeated Paul Lewis, 135; Jimmy Steil, 135, TKO'ed Rol Brunson, 136; Scrappy Burkett, 130, won over Hal Hoke, 132, in a terrific exchange of blows; Eli Gagich, light-heavy, scored a TKO over Frank Katrebski, in the third round; Joe Coolbroth, 158, defeated Pete Nachtwey, 162; Sol Monaw, 190, decisioned Johnny Smith, 187; Jack Braden, 150, defeated Mel Spooner, 151, by a TKO.

Refereeing the bouts were Sam Cozzo, of Physical Training, Joe Kaplan, Seaman Guard, Jimmy Cleary, Naval Air Station, and Chief "Red" McLaughlin, former Southern welterweight king.

The program was staged by the Physical Training Department, U. S. Naval Training Center under the direction of Lt. Philip S. Fox, Physical Training Officer of the Center.

Moran, Mexican Welter Threat

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When the genial Damon Runyon was writing sports for the New York *American*, he said of Gus Wilson: "As fine a character as there is around the boxing game."

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The Ike Williams match was Moran's 30th fight as a pro, although he fought close to 200 fights as an amateur in Mexico, winning the Mexican lightweight amateur crown. Moran yearns to be the first Mexican to win the welterweight crown.

Manager Wilson, speaking of his charge, remarked: "There is no telling how great a fighter Moran is. So far he has done everything I've asked him to do and he has surprised me with his performances. He learns faster and catches on more rapidly than any fighter I ever handled. He has splendid reflexes, a great amount of will power and takes delight in his morning road work and afternoon gym workouts. He is always calm before a fight, and he takes a world of chances in the ring."

BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE

By NATE PHILLIPS

THE Century Club presented a double ten round feature attraction in which the first ten saw Shamus O'Brien win an easy unanimous duke over Dixie Oliver who outweighed him 25 pounds. Shamus was much too fast for his heavier foe and outboxed him through 8 of the ten rounds. The final ten saw Freddie Schott hook up with Fernando Mighty Menichelli and these two put on a rousing fight for big fellows. Freddie's best weapon was a straight right which always found its mark, while Menichelli used a looping overhand right through most of the fight.

Freddie had his eye cut in the fourth stanza, and took several hard jolting rights in the fifth, but came back to open up Menichelli's eye in the sixth, and then carry the fight to the ever-trying foreigner. The writer's score card had Schott the winner, but the official decision was a draw which many of the fans booed.

The opening four saw Mac Dogge and King Kong Walker meet in a return affair and this time Mac was awarded a very hard fought opener. In the next four, Eddie Thomas belted out Johnny Taylor in the first, and Jimmy Murray, the fighting M.P., after surviving a bad beating in the second, come back to knock out Lorenzo Gill in the fourth of a humdinger. Baltimore now has copied the New York style of announcing main bout winners as they do in New York with the judges' and referee's slips being named.

In another show at the Century Club, Phil Muscato and Nate Bolden hooked up in the main event of ten rounds with Phil taking an early lead and Nate closing like an express. Both stood toe to toe and banged it out in the final heat with the duke going to Muscato, and again the writer thought it would have been the other way round.

In sixes, Jim Schwemmer outfought and outpunched Eddie Horton to win the unanimous duke and Eddie Davis and Johnny Ditto hooked up in a Pier 6 brawl, with Johnny outpunching Eddie in the final frame to carry off the victory.

In fours, Bobby Richardson took on a newcomer, Alton Nicholson. These two put on a great fight with the result being even at the end. The opener saw King Kong Walker as a sub, against Tony Argo in which both threw all rules out of the window and banged away for the four rounds. Kong was called the winner. A great battle for kids.

The Century Club had Mighty Menichelli and Louis Long hook up in the feature attraction of ten rounds at another show, with the odds switching to Long as they went to the post. Menichelli used a looping right to good advantage with Long content on outboxing the ever-rushing Menichelli who was continually scoring with his overhand right. At the end the writer's score card had Menichelli away out in front but the official verdict was a draw. How or why no one knows!

In sixes that were exceptionally good, Charlie Milan won over Jimmy McGriff, and Sandy Saddler and Herbert Jones put on a war of their own with Sandy belting out his southpaw foe at the end of the third. In a five rounder Joey Longo in shape won after a hard fought battle over Vern Brown. The opening four saw Leslie Harris belt out Francis Adams in thirty seconds of the second round.

At the same club, Joe Carter hooked up with Louis Kid Cocoa for their third and rubber match. Carter had defeated Cocoa here several weeks back, with Cocoa winning over Carter in New England. Their latest contest had these boys at their best. They showed no respect for each other, starting off in whirlwind fashion. Joe landed several hard belts to the jaw, but Cocoa always came back flaying away to the body of Carter and scoring continually with his educated left hand that always seemed to find its mark.

Carter was the aggressor but Cocoa was his match this time. He repeatedly shook Carter with solid rights to the jaw. It was a very good fight in which Cocoa was declared the winner at the end.

In sixes, Jesse Moraney, looking better than he has in a long time, won the unanimous duke over Howard Bennett. He gave away close to fifteen pounds and won the duke handily. Although badly cut in the fourth, he still had too many guns for the ever-trying Bennett.

In another six, Jimmy Hill, a stablemate of Moraney, made short work of his assignment when he belted out Ben Davis in the second, after having Ben down for a count of nine earlier in the round. It took minutes for Davis to be revived.

King Kong Walker and Tony Argo hooked up in a return go. These two boys know nothing about boxing. They slug away for all they are worth. Their heads bumped and Kong's eye was cut. The referee let them continue the round, then called the doctor and called this fight a draw—a very sensible decision. In the opening four, Bobby Summers KO'ed Bobby Richardson in two minutes of the first round in sensational fashion.

At this same club, Bert Lytell and Ellis Stewart hooked up in the main go set for ten rounds. Stewart could not cope with the southpaw style of Lytell with the result that he was exhausted from trying. Bert belted him out in two minutes of the ninth round.

The semi, set for eight, saw George Williams, a stablemate of Stewart's, suffer the same fate when he was belted out by Vinnie Jones in the fifth round with a hard right to his stomach. Both Stewart and Williams each were down once before being counted out their second trip to the rosin.

In a sixer, Larry Lovett, a newcomer, won over Jim Schwemmer in a heavyweight tussle that saw Lovett outbox and outslug his heavier foe. In fours Joe O'Connell and Jim West fought to a bloody draw, and Harry Parisi making his debut as a pro made a hit at it when he stopped Eddie Thomas in three.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

BILLY AMES, international sportsman, has returned to the boxing game as manager of Ernie Forte, New England's outstanding young welterweight. Ames has a wide knowledge of the sport since he began in it as a boxer and later became a trainer, manager, matchmaker and promoter, here and abroad. For the past ten years he has been director of publicity for Narragansett race track.

S1/c Frankie Caruso, former local amateur star, has been doing good work training boxers and presenting smokers for the gobs in the 4th fleet. Frankie tabbed Johnny Ferber, light-heavy champ, and Norm Blumenthal, middleweight, has promising boxers, all are now stationed in Boston.

Paul Bowser, wrestling impresario, will present wrestling at the Casino at Narragansett Pier, R. I., where not many years ago the cream of society danced and dined. Johnny Jordan is staging boxing shows at Newport, R. I. Bobby Vitti and Bobby Zollo, local welter star have purchased a farm in Exeter, R. I. Bobby Simmons, Young Kid Robinson, good welterweights; Abrie Bowie, lightweight; Al Patterson, Vernon Benwale, heavyweights, are seeking bouts in this section.

Leo Gagne, Fall River Fire Cracker, has become the most popular prelim boy in these parts. Gene Boulden, hard-hitting welter, has returned to the ring. Charley Warren, popular trainer, handled Charlie "Cabey" Lewis in his bouts here. Larry Bolvin has left for the Coast. Leo P. Bradley lauded Ernie Guisti, and predicted a bright future for the West Warwick lad. Anthony Petronella is in line for a sportscasters job with a local radio station. Eddie (Nonny) Soares, undefeated as an amateur, made a hit in his first pro fight. Soares won handily over Roland Gomez.

Joey Angelo, 134½, Philadelphia, won the unanimous decision in a ten-rounder over Mario Manuel Torres, 134½, Puerto Rico, in an exciting battle at the Rhode Island Auditorium. Pushing left jabs into Torres' face, Angelo carried the fight for the full eight cantos.

Cerefino Bronco, 150, Fall River, decisioned veteran Jimmy Steward, 141¼, New Haven, in a slow match which saw the Bronco tied up most of the way by Steward's encircling arms. Steward went down for a two-count in the eighth round.

Billy Napper, 145, Boston, chilled Ernie Guisti, 137½, West Warwick, in 2:05 of the fourth in a scheduled six. Jabbing with his left, Guisti took the play for the first three while Napper bided his time for the right opening, when he flashed a right to Guisti's jaw, putting him out of circulation for a seven-count at which time Referee Sharkey Buonanno stepped in and halted the fight.

Chester Winchell, 158, Worcester, knocked down for three 9-counts in the first round rallied and scored a K.O. over Bob Ryan, 156, Boston, in 1:02 of the second.

Leo Gagne, 143, Fall River, lost to Ernie Cabral, 138¾, New Haven, in a four-rounder.

Louis Long, 190¾, won a split decision over Earl Lowman, 200½, at the Rhode Island Auditorium. Long poured blows on his bobbing and weaving opponent and wore down the bulling charges of Lowman who in the last cantos showed signs of tiring. Judge Dick Carter and Referee Dolly Searle cast for Long, while Judge Jimmy Donahue put his marker in for Lowman.

George J. White, 210¾, Buffalo, used the 30 pounds extra baggage over Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, 180¼, Providence, to his advantage. The eight rounder proved a mismatch for Schoolboy who clinched all the way. White got the nod, taking Judge Donahue's vote and that of Referee Dolly Searle, while Judge Carter saw it Berthiaume's way.

Cerefino Bronco, 148¼, Fall River, won a split decision from Billy Carubia, 149, Astoria, L. I. Highlight of the match was the fifth round in which Carubia hit the dirt prompting Judge Carter and Referee Ben Maculan to cast their score in Bronco's direction. Judge Donahue saw the fracas in a different light giving his tally to Carubia.

Leo Gagne, 145, Fall River, taking punishment for two rounds, opened up with everything he had to knock out Fred Petrone, 144-pound sailor. In the scheduled four-rounder, Gagne finished off the gob at 1:06 of the third heat with hefty body punching.

Snappy Charles "Cabey" Lewis, 127¼, won a decision over fast 19-year-old Pat Demers, 133¾, Brockton, in a 10-round slugfest at the Rhode Island Auditorium on the evening of July 16th. In the seventh round point-leading Lewis opened up with everything in the book but failed to down the staunch shoe city kid.

In the semi-windup, Bobby Berger was declared winner over Charlie Hill, 146, of Philly, on a technical knockout. Hill's second, Johnny Duarte, threw in the towel when Charlie, still a little stiff from his long train ride, went down for the third time in the second round.

Ernie Guisti, 143, West Warwick, put up a barrage of left jabs against the offensive tactics of Roland Gomes, 148, of Fall River which ended in a K.O. victory for Guisti in the second round. Partially getting his footing after a nine count knockdown Gomes returned to be finished off by Guisti's stinging left.

Hard-hitting Jerry Paul, 137¾, of Providence, T.K.O.'ed Leo Renaud, 134, Fall River southpaw. The bout was called at the end of the second round when Renaud was unable to continue.

Leo Gagne, 146, of Fall River, T.K.O.'ed Manny Cabral, 152, East Providence lad, in 1:45 of the fourth round.

Sparkling Cabey Lewis, 127¼, New York, won a slashing victory over Cannonball Gibson, also 127¼, New Jersey, on the evening of July 23, at the Rhode Island Auditorium, when the "Big Town" kid deluged the Jerseyite in a downpour of punches. The cannonball, knocked down four times, was easy prey for Lewis and at the end of the eighth, Referee Ben Maculan called the unequal match giving the nod to Cabey Lewis.

First of a long row of knockdowns occurred in the third round when the Cabey's southpaw connected with Gibson's jaw. Bleeding profusely from the mouth from the third round on, the Cannonball was an easy target for the versatile Lewis.

In the fourth Gibson again hit the deck, this time for a two-count knockdown. The fifth heat brought Gibson's only flurry of the match when he broke through Lewis's outer defenses crowding him to the ropes and enjoying a melee of practically unopposed blows. The seventh chalked-up two more knockdowns for Cabey Lewis. At 2:30 of the eighth Referee Ben Maculan stepped in and called the New Yorker the victor. This was a ten-round main bout.

Jerry Paul, popular Federal Hill fighter, proved that he was still master in his ring wisdom when he outlasted Ernie Cabral, New Haven. It was an exciting, although not a fast fight of 8 rounds. Each scaled 136¾ pounds.

Gene Boulden, 149¾, Providence, cooled Chet Winchell, 156, Worcester, after having floored him seven times, in 1,55 of the fourth round. Although defeated Winchell received a thunderous ovation from the crowd of 1595. Gross gate for the evening was $2,839.

Opening a deep gash in Spunky Leo Gagne's eye, Ernie Guisti, 138, of West Warwick, won his second meeting with the Spindle City Kid in a fifth round T.K.O.

Roland Gomes, 145, Fall River, decisioned Solly Miller, 144, of Providence, in the four-round opener.

Earl Lowman, 204-pound Detroit slugger, won the unanimous decision over Speedy Louie Long, 194, Chicago, in a 9-round bout at the Rhode Island Auditorium on the evening of July 31. Lowman drove his adversary to the ropes frequently and took adequate advantage of his posision by splattering the defensive Long with hefty rights and lefts to the head.

Joe Blackwood (The Jersey Kid), 155, Paterson, N. J., K.O.'ed Gene Boulden, 149½, Providence, in the second of a scheduled six semi-windup. Boulden went to the deck for a 9-count in the first after being hit by the Kid's powerful right. The Paterson boy, making every blow count, stopped Boulden in the second.

Alex Rebark, 173, Pawtucket, won a unanimous decision over Waddell Washington, 175, Worcester, in a six-round slugfest. Rebark using both hands expertly, danced around the slow Washington, throwing punches at his ease. Washington's stomach punches were beginning to show on the dauntless Alex but otherwise Rebark took the fight all the way.

Manny Cabral, 156, East Providence, knocked out Johnny Rieley, 151, Worcester, in 2:04 of the first round. Rieley hit the canvas for a nine-count, regained his feet and was chilled by another of Cabral's hefty right handers.

Roland Gomes, 145, Fall River, won a unanimous decision over Solly Miller, 146¼, of Providence in the opening four rounder.

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Ring's Honor Roll

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what had been carefully taught me and charged blindly ahead."

Hostak made the jump at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he qualified as a paratrooper in November, 1944, after 18 months service with an armored division.

"I'd heard a lot about the paratroops, and I thought I'd like to try," he grinned.

"When we got the 'go' sign in the plane, I shoved toward the door as fast as I could. Everything was a blur. I forgot to count when I jumped, but I did remember to check my 'chute on the way down."

After that, it was easier. The ex-champ took part in a mass exhibition jump for General Joseph Stilwell when the 10th Army commander visited Fort Benning early this year. He was kept on as boxing instructor at Benning for awhile and then sent overseas to join the 11th Airborne Division in June.

Hostak is assigned to the special service office, where he is busy reconditioning veterans of the division's tough Leyte and Luzon campaigns. He holds a technician fifth grade rating.

"I'm organizing boxing teams throughout all the units," he explained. "My job is to develop boxers and teach them the fundamentals. There's a lot of talent among the paratroopers and we ought to have some good teams. These boys can hold their own with anybody."

The chunky middleweight weighs 162 pounds today, just two more than when he took the title from Freddy Steele before a crowd of 50,000 in Seattle's Civic Stadium in July, 1938.

"I'm not sure what my plans are after the war," Hostak mused. "I'll look up my brothers, Lewis, Frank, and Hank, in Seattle, and then I'll talk things over with my manager, Eddie Marino. Meanwhile, I'll keep in shape with the 11th Airborne and fight a few exhibition bouts if I get a chance."

Ring Favorites

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have the benefit of a boxing instructor for he first put on a pair of boxing gloves while on board a battleship. He had three fights while he was in the service and has had three more since he became a civilian. In build and facial expression, he is very much like Sam Langford. His record shows one draw and five knockouts. He drew with Leroy Wade and knocked out Johnny Crawford, Leroy Pate, Ira Hughes, Billy Gilbert and Leroy Bolden.

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GEORGE "WILDCAT" HENRY

IN George "Wildcat" Henry, Los Angeles middleweight, the class has gained a scrapper who is destined to go places. He is one of the finest prospects seen in the East in the division over which Tony Zale rules. Though he has been fighting fellows many pounds heavier, he can make the welter class without any effort but prefers to do his battling in the middleweight section. His recent victories over Jesse Moraney, Frankie Ross and Johnny Carter placed him in high standing, especially in New England where the scribes raved over his performance against Carter.

He is managed by Jack Barrett of New York.

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ARBIE BOWIE

PITTSBURGH has a good prospect in the lightweight division in Arbie Bowie, who in thirteen bouts this year has been stopped once, lost two decisions and won all his other bouts. Gene Gudgill is the fighter who stopped the Pittsburgher in one round last January in Detroit, but since then Arbie has been coming along in fine style, his only defeat being at the hands of Doll Rafferty in ten rounds last June.

Arbie was born on May 18, 1922, in Aliquippa, Pa. He is married and has three children. He is five feet eight inches tall and scales about 133 pounds. Though boxing is his profession, he is a good cartoonist and does that work when time permits. He launched his pro career in 1943 against Bee Bee Wright and lost a split decision. He didn't like the verdict and quit for almost a year then made his comeback and has done well since.

Arbie is no world beater, but like Juste Fontaine, he has built up a strong following in his home sector.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

THE Indian Gomez vs. Saint Paul bout was a sensation. There was action every second. If the larger clubs of the country would use fighters of this type, they would have no trouble in packing them in. The Springfield Sports Club grossed around $5000 for the fight.

Wildcat George Henry, who is managed by Jack Barrett, made a big hit at West Springfield, when he beat Joe Carter who had weight and reach on him. Henry is a veteran of this war. . . . Gus (Pell) Mell, classy feather boxer from Canada, is being brought along very nicely by his managers, Maurice Foreman and George Sheppard. He draws very well in Boston where he won quite a few fights. The fans of West Springfield had a chance to see him when he stopped Manuel Torres in the ninth round. . . . Jackie Saunders, heavyweight from Detroit, Mich., looked very good in his bout with Art McAlpine. He needs a little more work to season him.

Red Cap Cooper is filling in on every show at the Dog Track, as there seems to be a fighter short every Monday. He has had to give away plenty of weight in his last two fights. . . . Walter McCormick could show Saint Paul plenty about the boxing game that would certainly help the saint, especially hitting. . . . Joe Carter of Philadelphia, Pa., is a very good middleweight, but he will have to keep active, his layoff of three months surely told in his last fight. . . . Ted Bayly, the promoter at Troy, N. Y., will go it alone, now that his capable matchmaker, Moe Meyers, died of a heart attack. . . . William Cone, who at one time managed Joe-Butch, and also promoted boxing at Chicopee, Mass., also died a short time ago.

Mickey Canty, welterweight boxer of Springfield, Mass., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in battle, in Italy. Mickey fought some great fights at Holyoke, Boston, Hartford, New York and Miami, Fla. . . . Joe DeMaria will continue as matchmaker of the Valley Arena when it opens up in the fall.

Hope the readers of THE RING do not forget to send their next issue to a fighting friend in the Pacific.

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Tippy Larkin, Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR.

TIPPY LARKIN, Garfield, New Jersey, fighter, celebrated his return to the major boxing circuit with as perfect an exhibition of ring work as has been seen anywhere in many moons and by his excellent exhibition, gained the distinction of being the fighter of the month in THE RING's ratings. His defeat of Willie Joyce by a unanimous decision, was a masterpiece and if he can continue to fight against others as he did against the Gary, Indiana, lightweight, he will work himself into a championship match. Larkin stands out as the ace performer of the past month.

The leaders in the various divisions for the month ending August 10 are:

Heavyweight—Tami Mauriello
Light-heavyweight—Archie Moore
Middleweight—Jake LaMotta
Welterweight—Ray Robinson
Lightweight—Bob Montgomery
Featherweight—Sal Bartolo
Bantamweight—Tony Olivera
Flyweight—Seaman Terry Allen

The most important change for the month is that in the rating of Joe Baksi whose surprise defeat at the hands of the veteran Jersey Joe Walcott, an inactive fighter who has long ago passed his prime, costs Baksi the Number Three post and drops him to ninth place. It also temporarily places Walcott into the select circle, our Number Ten man. How long he'll remain, depends on his next opponents.

The cream of the division was idle. This gave Bruce Woodcock, newly crowned British heavy king, a chance to advance a peg into the position held last month by Baksi.

George Kochan and Phil Muscato made a little headway in the light-heavyweight division, each gaining several notches.

LaMotta's victory over Basora, enabled Jake to retain the outstanding post among the middleweights. Holman Williams, who continues active, rates next. Charley Burley regained the position he held prior to his loss in twelve rounds to Williams. He knocked out Boyd in two rounds.

Marcel Cerdan, who has been permitted to resume activities and Jock McAvoy, who scored twice in his comeback in England and successfully defended his middleweight title, have rejoined the first ten.

Tippy Larkin, inactive for a long time, though scaling only 138 for the Joyce fight, got back into the welter ranks, our second choice with only Ray Robinson over him. Tippy insists that he cannot make the lightweight limit and wants to be rated with the welters.

Jimmy Doyle, active again, is in third place. Johnny Greco goes down to ninth place with Tony Janiro in eighth.

Freddie Archer, who is making a splendid comeback, rejoined the elite with a high rating.

Bob Montgomery continues to head his division with Willie Joyce, despite his defeat at the hands of Larkin, on his trail. Ike Williams, who has resumed fighting after a layoff due to illness, and Ruffin, follow in the order named.

Dave Castilloux has rejoined the group and Bernard Docusen of New Orleans, who has been inducted into service, remains in the select circle despite his inactivity due to a dispute over his race. He is not being permitted to fight white boys.

Sal Bartolo's victory over Freddie Russo keeps him on top among the feathers, with Chalky Wright, now fighting lightweights but still able to make the feather class, behind him. Charley Cabey Lewis has taken his place among the first ten featherweights.

Manuel Ortiz, released from the Army, will resume boxing shortly and hopes soon to defend his bantam crown.

Here are the outstanding fights of the month:

Heavyweights fared as follows: Bruce Woodcock knocked out Jack London, 6. Tami Mauriello knocked out Charley Eagle, 1; knocked out Vincent Pimpinella, 3.

Lee Croft won from Buddy Thomas, 8.

Georgie Parks knocked out Jimmy "Shamus" O'Brien, 9. Fernando Menichelli drew with Louis Long, 10. Long lost to Earl Lowman, 9.

Tiger Jack Fox outpointed Ted Lowry, 10. Jersey Joe Walcott outpointed Joe Baksi, 10.

Alf Brown knocked out George Davis, 2. Jimmy Bivins outpointed Curtis Sheppard, 10.

Al (Big Boy) Brown outpointed Dan Merritt, 10. John Thomas outpointed Abel Cestac, 10.

Yancey Harris and Larry Lane, no contest, 9. Teddy Randolph outpointed Tommy Campanella, 8. Charlie Collett knocked out Jack Stanley, 3.

Steve Dudas outpointed Billy Grant, 10. Ragon Kinney outpointed Tiger Sheppard, 10. Clayton Worlds outpointed Clarence Brown, 10.

Felix DiPaoli outpointed Pug Wilson, 8. Pug Wilson knocked out George Cox, 2. Wilson knocked out by Johnny Allen, 4. Corp. Jim Foster knocked out Johnny Davis, 3; knocked out Jimmy Davenport, 2. Jesse James Jackson knocked out Bilbo Smith, 2; knocked out Jack McBride, 3.

Big Boy Baker knocked out James Polk, 3; knocked out Frankie Urban, 2. Eddie "Unknown" Winston knocked out Johnny Davis, 1. Winston knocked out by Jackie Saunders, 5. Saunders outpointed by Art McAlpine, 6. Dula Kovach outpointed Sal Berardino, 6.

Jimmy White knocked out Billy Freeman, 3; outpointed Jimmy Crawford, 4; lost to Jimmy David, 6. Freeman outpointed Howard Taylor, 4. Billy Sullivan knocked out Abner Teague, 3; outpointed Arnold Deer, 6; outpointed Cy Ellison, 5; knocked out Ted Newsome, 3. Arthur Brown knocked out Joe Bassett, 2.

Jim Schwimmer outpointed Eddie Horton, 6. Al Ware knocked out Pete Lakovich, 3; knocked out by Johnny Haynes, 1. Lakovich knocked out Carlton Perry, 1. Vern Mitchell knocked out Herb Jones, 6.

Tiger Henning outpointed Jimmy Russo, 4; lost to Jimmy Young, 6. Earl Mook knocked out Tom Walsh, 2. Fred Russell knocked out Buddy Thomas, 1.

Tommy Boyle knocked out Pete Sabol, 3. Nap Mitchell outpointed Gilbert Stromquist, 8. Battling Jack Flood knocked out Cotton Smith, 2.

Doug Ellison outpointed Wee Willie Williams, 6. Lee Croft knocked out Whitey Clark, 1. Croft knocked out by Johnny Denson, 3. Bud Gregory knocked out Tommy Boyle, 3; knocked out Al Mitchell, 4.

Bobby Lee knocked out Joe Hudson, 1. Lee knocked out Frank Estrade, 1. Carrington McNutt knocked out Arthur Jeter, 5. Harold Christensen knocked out Johnny Harwood, 1.

Al Blake outpointed Jack Polee, 8. Elliott Beckman outpointed Tony Martin, 4. Jack Hannon Porter outpointed Tiger Sheppard (Texas), 8.

Dave Patterson knocked out Gus Schlee, 3. Cy Ellison knocked out Gene Mickens, 2. George Galiber knocked out Lucian Taliaferro, 5.

Colion Chaney outpointed Lindy Elliott, 10; knocked out Cy Ellison, 2. Garfield Foster knocked out Charles Reed, 2; outpointed Big Boy Griggs-

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

For the month ending August 10, 1945

Fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in the armed forces and have become inactive, have been removed until such time as they resume boxing. When those removed are again active, they will receive the recognition previously granted to them. Only active fighters, service men and civilians, will be rated monthly. In our ratings the position of champions now in the service is frozen for the duration. Inactive service men are kept in the ratings for four months before being removed until they resume boxing.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion *Joe Louis	World's Champion *Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion *Tony Zale	World's Champion Freddie Cochrane
1—Tami Mauriello	Archie Moore	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Jimmy Bivins	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Holman Williams	Tippy Larkin
3—Bruce Woodcock	Lloyd Marshall	Cocoa Kid	Jimmy Doyle
4—Elmer Ray	Freddie Mills	Charley Burley	Ernie Roderick
5—Melio Bettina	Georgie Kochan	Bert Lytell	Harold Green
6—Lee Oma	Billy Grant	Marcel Cerdan	Rocky Graziano
7—Lee Q. Murray	Walter Woods	Jock McAvoy	Freddie Archer
8—Freddie Schott	Phil Muscato	Bee Bee Washington	Tony Janiro
9—Joe Baksi	Jack Johnson	Ossie Harris	Johnny Greco
10—Jersey Joe Walcott	Billy Smith	Jose Basora	George "Wildcat" Henry

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International Title Vacant	World's Champion *Willie Pep U. S. Army	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Bob Montgomery, U.S.A. (Recognized by N.Y.)	Sal Bartolo (N.B.A. Champion)	Tony Olivera	Joe Curran
2—Willie Joyce	Chalky Wright	Luis Castillo	Seaman Terry Allen
3—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Enrique Bolanos	Benny Goldberg	Bunty Doran
4—Bobby Ruffin	Nel Tarleton	Simon Vergera	Alec Murphy
5—Ronnie James	Jackie Graves	Sammy Reynolds	Hugh Cameron
6—Chester Rico	Phil Terranova	Norman Lewis	Georgie Parkes
7—Bernard Docusen	Danny Webb	Ronnie Clayton	Dado Marino
8—Dave Castilloux	Charley Cabey Lewis	Mickey Colbert	Billy Clinton
9—Juste Fontaine	Carlos Chavez	Tim Mahoney	Tommy Burney
10—Leroy Willis	Freddie Russo	Mickey Jones	Johnny Summers

* Indicates title frozen for duration of the war— in war service.

by, 4. Odell Riley knocked out Bill Peterson, 4. Peterson knocked out Mack Parshay, 3.

Leon Ford knocked out Paul Wyatt (no round). Jerry Brown outpointed Tony Petro, 4. Ellsworth Clark knocked out Jim Lloyd, 1. Freck Huffsticker knocked out Vern Dawson, 2.

Larry Lovett outpointed Jim Schwimmer, 6. Lou Thomas outpointed Norman Hawes, 6. Paul Jackson knocked out Billy Gilbert, 2.

Following are the light-heavyweight tilts: Phil Muscato outpointed Nate Bolden, 10. Vincent Pimpinella knocked out Joe Beik, 3. Fitzie Fitzpatrick outpointed Paulie Peters, 10.

Tee Hubert knocked out Jackie Caparell, 6. Buddy Millard outpointed Alm (Big Boy) Brown, 10. Arthur Gregory kayoed Frank Rose, 1.

Leon Szymurski outpointed Teddy Brown, 8. Johnny Rice outpointed Tony Gillo, 6. Mel Workman knocked out Jim Murphy, 1. Freddie Bailey drew with Henry Jackson, 6; lost to Henry Jackson, 4.

Tommy Campanella knocked out Norman Hawes, 5. Robert Ledbetter outpointed Jimmy Holden, 6; knocked out by Clem Fitzpatrick, 5. Leo Dundee knocked out Freddie Salensky, 2. Armond Avelano knocked out Eddie McGhee, 2; knocked out Lee Bryant, 3; outpointed Eddie McGhee, 4.

Davey Feld knocked out Tuffy Reed, 4. Feld was knocked out by Georgie Kochan, 5. Tom Pate knocked out Ted Newsome, 1. Willie Davis knocked out Earl Mook, 2. Gentle Daniel knocked out Syd Brown, 5.

Bob Satterfield knocked out Herman Hayes, 1. Oscar Goode knocked out Danny Aldrich, 2. Tommy Grohs knocked out Joe Hudson, 1; outpointed Jack Flood, 4.

Silent Escobar knocked out Obie Wooten, 2. Benny Davis outpointed Royal Jetty, 4. Roy Miller knocked out Ray Acosta, 3; beat Leo Turner, 10.

Dolph Quijano outpointed John L. Sullivan, 4; outpointed Al Timmons, 4. Jack Butler outpointed Harry Wills, 4. Jimmy Smith and Larry Glasson, no contest, no round. Ross Strickland drew with Jimmy Gardner, 8.

Alex Rebark outpointed Waddell Washington, 6. Major Kagle outpointed Henry Christian, 4. Al Mitchell outpointed Harry Daniels, 6. Jimmy Greenwich knocked out Larry Schott, 3.

Ken Johnson outpointed Whitey Wueben, 6; knocked out Harry Daniels, 4. Billy Pappas knocked out Bobby Giles, 3; knocked out Willie Smith, 2. Irish Ray Kelly knocked out Charlie Hall, 3. Harry Wills outpointed Fred Russell, 4; lost to Jack Butler, 4; outpointed Allen Arnett, 4. Harold Reiss knocked out Johnny Clements, 3.

Young Manny outpointed Ben Sanders, 4. Eddie Adourian outpointed Morris Belanger, 6. Joe O'Connell drew with Jim West, 4. Lonny Boyd outpointed Oliver Cobbins, 4; drew with Young Mitchell, 6. Johnny Sudar outpointed Teddy Brown, 4.

Eddie Finazzo knocked out Nick Manfredo, 5.

Middleweights fought with these results: Artie Levine knocked out Marvin Bryant, 10; outpointed by Jerry Fiorello, 10. George "Sonny" Horne outpointed Berlie Lanier, 10; outpointed J. C. Wilkins, 8; outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 10.

Jake LaMotta stopped Jose Basora, 9. Joe LaMotta outpointed Billy Johnson, 6. Aaron Wade kayoed Mario Ochoa in 2. Harold Williamson decisioned George Armstrong in six.

Holman Williams outpointed Johnny Green, 10. Edgar Robinson outpointed Ran Jackson, 10. Wild Bill McDowell outpointed Fritzie Zivic, 10; outpointed Julio Cerna, 10. Cerna knocked out Francisco Garcia, 2.

Izzy Jannazzo outpointed Charley Parham, 10; outpointed Tony Riccio, 10. Kenny Watkins outpointed Jack Chase, 10; outpointed Jack Chase, 12. Dave Clark outpointed Amado Rodriquez, 10.

Collins Brown knocked out Luther Brent, 5. George Henry outpointed Johnny Carter, 10 (spotted his man 18 pounds). Henry outpointed Mario Ochoa, 10. Charley Burley knocked out Oscar Boyd, 2.

Johnny Walker outpointed Bobby Richardson, 8. Kid Tunero knocked out Oneli Agramonte, 6. Marcel Cerdan outpointed Edouard Tenet, 10.

Saint Paul outpointed Indian Gomez, 10. Tony Mar outpointed Eddie Hudson, 10.

Cocoa Kid outpointed Joe Carter, 10. Vinnie Jones outpointed Johnny Finazzo, 8; outpointed Willis Scott, 8; knocked out Georgie Williams, 5.

Charley Catos outpointed Chino Rodriguez, 10. Catos knocked out Pedro Jiminez, 5. Catos knocked out Jackie Cooper, 2. Jimmy Edgar outpointed Powell Sampson, 10.

Jock McAvoy knocked out George Howard, 2; and stopped Johnny Clements in 6. Jock McCusker outpointed Jimmy Tiffer, 10. Joe Hart knocked out Geoff Heath, 5. Frankie Augustain knocked out Oscar Egg, 9. Bert Lytell knocked out Ellis Stewart, 9.

Freddie Lott outpointed Tommy Merrill, 6; outpointed Clem Fitzpatrick, 5; outpointed Clem Fitzpatrick, 6. Frankie Farr knocked out Al Hallie, 3; knocked out Johnny Mara, 4. Ernest Barnwell outpointed Lou Miller, 6; outpointed Johnny Harvey, 4; knocked out by Billy Walker, 4. Walker outpointed Johnny Taylor, 6.

Al Wright outpointed Don Gotz, 4. George Ahearn knocked out Ted Winchell, 1. Robert Edward Smith knocked out Vic Chambers, 1.

Bobby Brown knocked out Roman Starr, 4. Jake Stephens knocked out King White, 1; outpointed Jimmy Johnson, 4; knocked out Rudy Garcia, 2. Garcia drew with Bob Hawkins, 4. Ozzie Lewis outpointed Martin O'Malley, 4. Glenn Northcutt knocked out Lloyd Ingram, 3; knocked out Joe Corbin, 3.

Freddy Buck knocked out Charley Mason, 2. Ernie Woods drew with Billy Simmons, 4. Woods knocked out Billy Simmons, 1; knocked out Johnny Roland, 1. Woods knocked out Percy Butler, 2. Woods knocked out Alonzo McDonald, 3. Jimmy Simmons outpointed Vepe Watson, 4. Watson outpointed Henry Anderson, 4. Bobby Berger knocked out Charlie Hill, 2. Johnny Finney outpointed Al Johnson, 8.

Sam Thompson knocked out Perry Mason, 6. Ramey McKnight knocked out Dick McClure, 2; knocked out Kid Raymond, 3. Vince Madia outpointed Johnny Dezinski, 6. Freddie Graham knocked out Tommy Sloan, 2.

Johnny Ditto outpointed Eddie Davis, 6. Don Anderson knocked out Louis Davilla, 7. Tommy Latch knocked out George Sparry, 2. Lou Duva outpointed Joe Parsons, 6. Mickey Page knocked out Tabby Holloway, 3.

Joey Mandell outpointed Eddie Bond, 6; outpointed Frank Falvey, 6; knocked out Billy Kilgore, 2. Fist Deaver outpointed A. C. Lee, 6. Vecie Van knocked out Gene Simmons, 2. Simmons outpointed Buddy Rose, 10.

Henry Anderson knocked out Lee Coller, 1. Coller knocked out Al Tucker, 3. Bob Hawkins outpointed Jimmy Edwards, 4; knocked out Bud Singleton, 3.

Johnny Strikefoot knocked out Charlie Merchant, 4. Billy Roberts outpointed Solly Zolter, 4.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Billy Sullivan, Chicago
Light-heavyweight—Jack Hannon Porter, California
Middleweight—Curtiss Filer, East St. Louis, Mo.
Welterweight—Sal Richie, Brooklyn
Lightweight—Nick Stato
Featherweight—Buddy Hayes, Boston
Bantamweight—Mickey Quack, Pittsburgh
Flyweight—Tony Acevedo, New York City

Curtiss Filer knocked out Henry Chuckaluck, 1. Willard Buckless outpointed Jimmy Pettie, 8; outpointed Al Pinel, 8.

Joe Blackwood knocked out Charley Davis, 5; lost to Johnny Ryan, 8; knocked out Gene Boulden, 2. Harold Williamson outpointed Solly Zalter, 6. Zalter outpointed Danny Martin, 8. Ansell (Babe) Adams knocked out Bob Lincoln, 2.

Sammy Crandall and Art Towne, 4 rounds, no contest. Bennie Droll drew with Curly Denton, 5; outpointed Curly Denton, 6; knocked out Peter Jackson, 2. Dom Youvella outpointed Freddie Graham, 8.

Vinnie Vines outpointed Jackie Gaines, 8; outpointed Jay Paganelli, 6. Tony Del Gatto knocked out Joe Robinson, 2; outpointed Freddie Lott, 4. Jack Barker outpointed Charley Hilton, 4. Mario Ochoa knocked out Eddie Taylor, 8. Jackie Ryan drew with Jackie Byrd, 4.

Dick Lee outpointed Jimmy Simmons, 4. Georgie Humes outpointed Gary Cooper, 4. Tommy Keene knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 3; outpointed Freddie Graham, 6; knocked out Georgie Humes, 1.

Carmen Sipello knocked out Bob Smith, 6; knocked out Charley Hilton, 6. Benny Jones knocked out Billy Boy Johnson, 4. Ted Turner knocked out Tommy Latch, 2.

Sammy Muscato outpointed Nate Smith, 4; knocked out Jim Thomas, 2. Jackie Burke knocked out Leroy Bolden, 1. Fred Watts drew with Hip Shaw, 4. K. O. Boisvert outpointed Lionel Daigle, 6. Daigle knocked out Eddie Turner, 1.

Alex Pacifico knocked out Herbert Evans, 2. Kid Bartley outpointed Billy Jackson, 6. Johnny Taylor knocked out Leo Dunne, 5; lost to Billy Walker, 6; outpointed Jay Paganelli, 8. Armond Olevano knocked out Lee Bryant, 3.

Ghee Howard knocked out Johnny Sudar, 3. Gene Roberts knocked out Spider Thomas, 2. Joe (Butch) Lynch outpointed Billy Johnson, 8.

Pelon Garcia outpointed Harry Hutlian, 6. Tony Elizondo knocked out Andy Radke, 5. Charley Dodson knocked out Marion Simms, 1.

Tony Pappas outpointed Hugh Murphy, 4. Murphy outpointed by Joe Richards, 4. Billy Goodman knocked out Tommy Merrill, 5. Vince Gigante outpointed Teddy Brown, 4.

Walter Cunningham outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 6. Ben Johnson knocked out Tom Lester, 3. George Slater knocked out North Carolina Kid, 1. Jimmy Hill knocked out Benny Davis, 2. Clarence Wilkinson outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 4; outpointed Lew Perez, 4. Perez outpointed Jimmy Taylor, 6. Wilkinson outpointed Sam Barodi, 4. Barodi drew with Wendy Wilo, 6.

Charley (Young) Zivic knocked out Rocky Edge, 1. Joe Sedgewick knocked out Dan Monahan, 2. Willie Watkins outpointed Babe Saunders, 5. Saunders outpointed Johnny Hart, 6.

Coolidge Miller outpointed Johnny Brown, 6. Johnny Riley knocked out Ray Dill, 2; knocked out Jesse Gomez, 2. Irish Bob Flannigan outpointed Sammy Muscato, 6.

Albin Buczek knocked out Joe Ellington, 3. George Smith outpointed Jimmy Young, 6. Walter Howard outpointed Roland Gomes, 4; knocked out Roland Gomes, 5. Perry Mason outpointed Willie Walters, 5; knocked out Johnny Hart, 2.

Frankie Calzo outpointed Jackie Cooper, 4. Reecy Davis outpointed Ike Blair, 6. Pelon Garcia knocked out Tony Marin, 2; knocked out Jimmy McNeill, 4. Johnny Dabbs outpointed James McGrath, 6. Charley Dodson knocked out Tommy Nelson, 3.

Al Halqueit outpointed Randy Drew, 6. Ray Augustus knocked out Jimmy Merritt, 2. George Small knocked out Lee Bryant, 1.

Tommy Merrill knocked out Don Manahan, 1.

Welterweight bouts: Freddie "Red" Cochrane knocked out Lou Miller, 3; knocked out Bobby Howard, 3. Tippy Larkin knocked out Joey Gambaro, 2.

Joe Curcio kayoed Ceferino Bronco, 3. Tony Ryle stopped Nick Restaino, 4. Henry Majcher beat Antonio Carmona, 6. Frankie Daniels beat Rudy Pachio, 6. Johnny Ryan drew with Frankie Wills, 10.

Joe Curcio knocked out Jimmy Mulligan, 4; outpointed Freddie Wilson, 10. Jimmy Doyle outpointed Tommy Bell, 10.

Freddie Cabral outpointed Ceferino Bronco, 10. Billy Arnold outpointed George (Red) Doty, 10. George Costner outpointed Oscar Suggs, 10; outpointed Robert Fowler, 10.

Kid Filipino outpointed Genaro Rojo, 10. Johnny Greco outpointed Tony Janiro, 8. Johnny Green knocked out Kippy Dumas, 3.

Freddie Archer outpointed Johnny Williams, 10; knocked out Vic Pignataro, 3. Tony Riccio outpointed Rudy Giscombe, 10. Morris Reif knocked out Lew Hanbury, 3. Henry Hall knocked out Eric Boone, 4. Billy Harrison outpointed Chino Rodriguez, 10.

Memo Llanes knocked out Georgie Hansford, 6. Hankin Barrows stopped Baby Yucatan in 6. Arthur Danahar outpointed Lefty Flynn, 10. Harvey Dubs knocked out Carl Brisson, 4.

Joey Bagnato outpointed Jimmy Thompson, 10. Jimmy Anderson outpointed Frank Meacham, 10. Mack Gibbons outpointed George Bridges, 8. Dick Shields knocked out Leo Phillips, 6. Bennie Evans outpointed Billy Degg, 12.

Sheik Rangel outpointed Rocky Luciano, 10. Tony Falco knocked out Ralph Walton, 4. Charley Fusari knocked out Julie Bort, 1. Kid Aztec knocked out Paul Altman, 5. Cecil Hudson outpointed Freddie Dixon, 12.

Charley Hilton knocked out Howie French, 2. Joe Faiello knocked out Roland Gomes, 3. Gomes knocked out Johnny Parvia, 3. Gomes lost to Walter Howard, 4. Gomes outpointed Solly Miller, 4. Gomes outpointed Solly Miller, 4.

Buddy Jackson knocked out Frankie Williams, 5. Billy Napper drew with Baby Tiger Flowers, 6.

Tommy Marra outpointed Johnny Attelly, 6; knocked out Buddy Jackson, 2. Bobby Zollo knocked out Lou Pieri, 3. Jess Humble knocked out Dale Arviso, 1; outpointed Martin O'Mally, 4; lost to Ralph Mendoza, 4; outpointed Chick Musgrove, 4.

Ralph Garrison outpointed Mike Finley, 6. Tommy Blondin knocked out Jerry Summerford, 3. Bob Davis knocked out Al Tucker, 2.

Danny Kapilow knocked out Ernie "Cat" Robinson, 6. Kapilow outpointed by Vincent LaSalva, 10. LaSalva outpointed Freddie Addeo, 8.

Willie Edmunds knocked out Norm Hinton, 2; outpointed Charley Wells, 6. Walter Stevens outpointed Al Victoria, 6; outpointed Jeff Holloway, 6. Jimmy Sherrer outpointed Bill Parsons, 8; outpointed Bill Parsons, 10.

Nat Hutchins knocked out Freddie Torres, 3; outpointed Billy George, 4; Hutchins outpointed by Billy George, 4. George Dooner drew with Tony Trophi, 4. Mickey Belletiere outpointed Johnny Fees, 6; knocked out Jackie Garrity, 2.

Pete Pauline knocked out Lenny Glennon, 3. Bob Simmons outpointed Sparky Reynolds, 10. Reynolds knocked out Bishop Murphy, 3. Frankie Abrams outpointed Sparky Reynolds, 6. Reynolds outpointed Ralph Carnegie, 6. Reynolds knocked out Tommy Daniels, 5. Abrams outpointed by Bob Simmons, 10. Simmons drew with Bobby McIntyre, 10. Ray Miller outpointed Jimmy Anderson, 6; outpointed Juan Manuel, 6.

Frankie Ross outpointed Rene Cantero, 8. Ross drew with Cantero, 8. Manny Gomez outpointed Jack Larrimore, 10. Gomez outpointed by Buster Carroll, 10. Ulysses Valle outpointed Red Bryant, 10. Buster Carroll outpointed Irish Eddie Dunne; outpointed Irish Eddie Dunne, 10. Joe Parsons knocked out Red Bryant, 2.

Clyde Gordon knocked out Tony Jimenez, 1; knocked out Young Eddie, 3. Red Levesque knocked out Matty Robinson, 3; knocked out Walter Gomes, 3. Harry Preston knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 2; outpointed Frankie Daniels, 6. Jack Besselman outpointed Roy Crews, 4; knocked out by Rudy Turner, 4; knocked out Johnny Worthey, 4.

Louie Flyer knocked out Hugh Stell, 4. Sgt. Ken Foley outpointed Babe Querion, 4. Lew Spurdis knocked out Tony Trophi, 3; knocked out Lee Smith, 3; outpointed by Jimmy Stokes, 6.

Danny Williams knocked out Dominick Fussa, 2; knocked out Willis Scott, 2; outpointed Frankie Wills, 8. Billy Ellison outpointed Charlie Lambert, 4. Howard Carr knocked out Francisco Garcia, 2; outpointed Angel Louis, 6. Pat Murray

knocked out Buddy Jackson, 4; outpointed Al Starling, 6.

Bill Jordan outpointed Jimmy Martin, 4. Annunzio Ferrera outpointed Jimmy Martin, 6. Burl Charity knocked out Tony DeCarlo, 4. Vic Marino knocked out York Howell, 6.

Walter Stanbach outpointed Jimmy Corti, 4; outpointed Jimmy Corti, 4. Mayhew Smith knocked out Billy Daniels, 1.

Ballesandro Carubia outpointed Pat Giordano, 6. Jimmy Pierce knocked out Jimmy Rizzo, 4. Floyd Johnson outpointed Louis Mosely, 4.

Joe Gorman drew with Arturo Barron, 3. Jimmy Scoutan knocked out Ike Cunningham, 3; knocked out Eddie Anderson, 3. Aster Rice outpointed Charley Moore, 4; knocked out Walter Holtzman, 2. Bobby Burton outpointed Miguel Arroya, 6.

Willie Cutsinger outpointed Carl Janke, 6. Janke knocked out Bobby Earhart, 4. Vic Costa outpointed Bobby Berger, 8. Costa lost to Jimmy Mills, 10. Costa lost to Al Mobley, 6. Costa outpointed Bobby Berger, 8. Mobley knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 4; outpointed Vic Costa, 6. Antonio Carmona outpointed Tommy Gargano, 6.

Lou Valles outpointed Lee Black, 6; outpointed Antonio Carmona, 6. Black outpointed Don Anderson, 6. Tony Mancuso outpointed Julie Cross, 4. Russell O'Brien knocked out Young Joe Louis, 4.

Young Chappie outpointed George McKinney, 4. Chappie lost to George McKinney, 4. Joe Collins knocked out Al Ross, 4. Ernie Guisti knocked out Leo Gagne, 5; knocked out John Lopo, 1.

Gene Boulden knocked out Chester Winchell, 4. Harry Livingston outpointed Ralph Garrison, 4. Smuggy Hursey outpointed Billy Daniels, 8. Kenny James drew with Johnny Duke, 6.

K. O. Gagnon outpointed Willie Green, 4. Frank Foley outpointed Al Wooster, 6. Al Costantino knocked out Miguel Arroya, 1; outpointed Jimmy Rizzo, 6. Gene Banfield outpointed Kid Adkins, 4.

Gary Cooper outpointed Al Donofrio, 4. Billy Degg knocked out Johnny Dabbs, 2. Babe Coullimber knocked out Rogelio Aldazabel, 3. McCoy Jones outpointed Buddy Jackson, 6. Pat Patucci knocked out Ellsworth Simley, 1.

Johnny Ryan outpointed Joe Blackwood, 8. Arthur Gregory knocked out Rocky Schiavone, 4. Jesse Moraney outpointed Howard Bennett, 6.

Steve D'Apoli outpointed Marcel Fournier, 6. Gene Spencer Jensen knocked out Alejandro Vega, 6. Vega drew with Don Lee, 10. George Hill knocked out Walker, 2.

Neva Esparza outpointed Sammy Daniels, 8. Bobby Cummings outpointed Steve Bilko, 6. Cummings outpointed by Stanley Sims, 4. Bilko outpointed Lee Smith, 4. Ruby Kessler knocked out Jackie Savino, 1.

Patsy Gall knocked out Len Reed, 3. Manny Cabral knocked out Johnny Riley, 1; knocked out Joe Pappa, 1. Art Brown knocked out R. C. Turner, 1.

Allen Faulkner knocked out Eddie Tavorsky, 3. Paul Ferguson knocked out Tony Prezioso, 3. Al Jackson knocked out Douglas Fairbanks, 3. Jimmy Martin outpointed Tiger Higgins, 6.

Charlie Ricco outpointed Walter Cunningham, 6. Tiger Burns outpointed Luther Johnson, 4. Burns drew with Benny Calla, 6. Billy Stevens knocked out Taff Davies, 2.

Johnny Finnerty outpointed Ivor Jones, 8. Ray Atkins knocked out Eddie Dunne, 3. Bill Scolar knocked out Battling Oscar, 3.

Eddie Weller outpointed Tommy Graham, 4. L. C. Riley knocked out Cecil Reece, 4. Art Brown outpointed Jerry Pittro, 8. Dan Robinson knocked out Bill Jordan, 6.

Sammy Williams knocked out Sam Davis, 3. Tommy James knocked out Bill Jordan, 2. Lefty Chilo outpointed Slim Terror, 6. Steve Riggio knocked out Bucky Taylor, 4. Henry Johnson knocked out Leon Kennedy, 1.

Eddie Soares outpointed Roland Gomes, 4. Bobby Nichols knocked out Al Jackson, 3. Herschel Joiner knocked out Bishop Murphy, 3. Vert Gibson knocked out Tony Madison, 2.

Rene DeLeon outpointed Jack Byrd, 6. Fugio Escabedo knocked out Jimmy Johnson, 1. Al Bertram outpointed Pedro Jiminez, 6. Morris Corona outpointed Ted Jamison, 4. Tony DeRosa outpointed Harry Durden, 6.

Roger Whynott outpointed Dave Viau, 6. Sal Richie knocked out Rudy Giscombe, 6. Jimmy Scoutan knocked out Eddie Anderson, 3. Gene Gudgill outpointed Sammy Mack, 8. Tony Revezzo outpointed Steve Bilko, 4. Lem Taglia knocked out Leroy Saunders, 3.

The lightweight bouts: Willie Joyce outpointed Bobby Ruffin, 12; lost to Tippy Larkin, 10. Dave Castilloux outpointed Ralph Walton, 10. Oscar St. Pierre outpointed Joe Celletti, 10.

Al Michaud and Bob Poole drew, 8. Dave Castilloux outpointed Johnny Bratton, 10. Jimmy Rizzo beat Lou Silvares, 4. Jose Hernandez kayoed Bernie Devine, 4. Sammy Montana kayoed Johnny Parvia, 1. Sam Justine outpointed Ed Dowell, 6. Frank Westel knocked out Lucky Johnson, 1.

Tony Rios outpointed Abie Kaufman, 10. Doll Rafferty knocked out Sammy Parrotta, 9. Freddie Dawson outpointed Gene Burton, 10. Billy James outpointed Eddie Salazar, 10. Al Guido outpointed Frankie Rubino, 10.

Kid Gavilan knocked out Joe Pedroso, 4, for Cuban lightweight title; outpointed Pedro Ortega, 10. Santiago Sosa drew with Kid Yucatea, 10. Paulie Jackson outpointed Johnny Cool, 10; outpointed by Mario Torres, 10. Cool knocked out Freddie Torres, 1.

Tony Pellone outpointed Lulu Costantino, 10. Joey Barnum outpointed Johnny Bratton, 8. Bratton outpointed Melvin Johnson, 8. Mario Colon outpointed Kudo Ortiz, 8.

Chalky Wright knocked out Henry Jordan, 6. Jordan outpointed Freddie Camuso, 10. Oscar St. Pierre knocked out Al Freda, 2.

Rush Dalma drew with William James, 10. Joey Angelo outpointed Jimmy Pierce, 10. Ray Salas outpointed Cleo Shans, 10. Barron Arturo outpointed Paul Reguejo, 10. Joe Celletti won from Steve Kronis on a foul, 6.

Marcel Fournier outpointed Jackie Savino, 6. Willy Ceasar outpointed Anthony Arnone, 4; outpointed Henry Feliciano, 4. Joe Colon outpointed Bulldog Emilio, 4. Jorge Morelia outpointed Vic Costa, 6; outpointed Phil Palmer, 6.

Shamus McCrea outpointed Teddy Guerrero, 4; drew with Benny Black, 6; outpointed Sonny Hill, 4. Melvin Bartholomew knocked out Joe Brown, 3. Juste Fontaine knocked out Pedro Hernandez, 5. Gus Mell knocked out Manuel Torres, 8.

Jose Peralta outpointed Ace Dundee, 8. George (Dusty) Brown drew with Ernie Petrone, 8; drew with Ernie Petrone, 8. Lou Suliveres outpointed Marcus McCrea, 4. Jackie Connelly knocked out Jimmy Allen, 3. Mike Konnors outpointed Juan Carrero, 6.

Leon Johnson knocked out Oscar Lewis, 4; knocked out by Billy Hurd, 1; knocked out Billy Hurd, 2. Hurd outpointed Winslow Woodward, 6. Nick Stato outpointed Jerry Darby, 8; knocked out Billy Carroll, 2; outpointed Leo Methot, 8. Dennis Pat Brady outpointed Gabriel Rios, 8; knocked out Phil Gibbons, 5; knocked out Tommy Murray, 6. Murray knocked out Willie Gibbs, 1.

Major Jones and Willie Russell, N.D. 6. Russell knocked out Lefty Chilo, 6. Proctor Heinold knocked out Frank Martinez, 5. Johnny Priest outpointed Dolly King, 4; outpointed Lee Abrams, 6. King outpointed Gary Cooper, 4. Abrams knocked out Johnny Belair, 3. Willie Marcus drew with Marcel Fournier, 6. Marcus outpointed Mitchie Myershiro, 6. Tony Argo outpointed King Kong Walker, 4; drew with King Kong Walker, 2.

Bill Richardson outpointed Alton Nicholson, 4; knocked out by Robert Summers, 1. Jack Larrimore knocked out Al Fern, 3. Fern beat Red Bryant, 8. Larrimore outpointed Billy Moore, 10. Larrimore knocked out Al Michaud, 5. Fern outpointed Red Bryant, 8. Pat Scanlon outpointed Jackie Leamus, 8; knocked out Alex Doyle, 7; outpointed by Jackie Leamus, 8. Scanlon outpointed Charley Leamus, 8; outpointed Leo Romanello, 8. Felix LeBlanc knocked out Johnny Murphy, 1; outpointed Bud Taveira, 4. Jerry Paul knocked out Leo Renaud (no round); outpointed Ernie Cabral, 8.

John Carroll outpointed Jiggs Perryman, 6. Perryman lost to Henry Raymond, 6. Clarence Cotton King outpointed Billy Moore, 8; knocked out Al Michaud, 6. Mario Ferrio knocked out Calvin Rogers, 1.

Pat O'Reilly outpointed Maxie Fernandez, 8. Jackie Gray outpointed Jimmy Kelly, 4. Hank Roque knocked out Bobby Freeman, 3; knocked out Jimmy Kelly, 1.

Charlie Morrison outpointed Jackie Thorne, 6. Bill Hayman outpointed Teddy Guerrero, 4; outpointed by Tony Chavez, 8. Jeep Anderson drew with Pete Pacheco, 4. Eddie Murphy outpointed Jesse Watson, 4; knocked out Freddie Torres, 3; knocked out Jesse Watson, 3; outpointed Jesse Watson, 4; knocked out Lou Prince, 5.

Jimmy Esposito drew with Georgie Martin, 4. Martin knocked out Mike Decosmo, 2. Joe Faiello knocked out Leo Renaud, 3; knocked out Matty Robinson, 1. Renaud outpointed Roland Gomes, 4.

Meyer Ackerman, Assistant to RING Editor, Killed in Germany

CPL. MEYER ACKERMAN, on the regular staff of THE RING for many years, died in Germany on July 14 as a result of an accident. The jeep in which he was riding on a mission for his command overturned and crushed him and his comrade to death. His sad ending after having gone through the war with Gen. Patton's Third Army without an injury, is a sad blow to THE RING Editor whose chief assistant Ackerman was during his civilian life. With Meyer's death boxing lost one of its strongest supporters. He knew the game from A to Z and was well-liked by those in the fistic profession.

Ackerman was the second member of THE RING staff to pass into the Great Beyond during the war. Sgt. Vic Ephrem was killed shortly after the American invasion of Italy.

Chuck Lloyd outpointed Juan Manuel, 6. Frank Gaudes outpointed Eddie Carson, 6. Carson outpointed by Arthur Price, 6.

Johnny Virgo knocked out Rudy Zadell, 5; outpointed by Billy Bates, 6; knocked out Jimmy Hampton, 5. Bill Eddy outpointed Vince Dell 'Orto, 6; outpointed my Joyce, 6. Kid Butler outpointed Harry Schultz, 6. Eddie Giosa outpointed Jimmy McAllister, 8. Joey Carkido outpointed Marcus McCrea, 4.

Eddie Anderson knocked out Marty Barber, 2. Joe Marmo knocked out Harry Burke, 3. Jimmy Ainscough drew with Dick Atterbury (no round); outpointed Ray Nulph, 6. Rocco Lescio outpointed Victor Morano, 6; outpointed Victor Morano, 6.

Charley Milan outpointed Jimmy McGriff, 6. Mickey Monteiro knocked out Ricky Silvia, 3. Pat Smith outpointed Joey Neil, 4. Neil knocked out Harold Arrington, 2. Anthony Arnone outpointed Kenneth Monar, 4.

Benny Calla knocked out Emil Barao, 1. Paul Ouimet outpointed Billy Marcus, 8. Jimmy Hampton knocked out Eddie Simmons, 8. Johnny Fry knocked out Harry Schultz, 4.

Bucky Collins outpointed Browne Lee, 6. A. C. Lee outpointed Harry Rose, 8. Carl Olsen outpointed Leroy Saunders, 6.

Archie Gibbons outpointed Pat Doyle, 10. Jesse Flores outpointed Wilford Scott, 4. Eddie Smith knocked out Nat Kadin, 5. Johnny Villanueva knocked out Simon Medina, 3.

Roy Lewis drew with Pat Bradley, 5. Eddie Bertolino outpointed La Caliche, 6. Douglas Gibson drew with Pancho Martinez, 6. Tommy Tucker knocked out Wallace Bates, 4. Paul Brooks knocked out Jimmy Ogle, 2.

Joey Krikas drew with Otho Slager, 4. Rudy Flores outpointed Vincent Mazac, 4. Nick Trahan outpointed Harry Silverberg, 4. Alphonse Brown outpointed DeWitt Oliver, 4.

Louis Venezia knocked out Vinnie O'Leary, 3. Raul Lezcano outpointed Armando Vaquero, 6. Bonbon Oriental outpointed Joe Calixto, 8. Calixto outpointed Fausto Jiminez, 8.

Fillo Prado knocked out Wilfredo Mayet, 6. Red Doyle knocked out Johnny Parvia, 4. Parvia knocked out by Bernie Devine, 3. Bobby Armstrong knocked out Kid Butler, 1. Ray Jackson outpointed Jimmy Hughes, 4.

Charley Smith knocked out Mario Torres, 2; knocked out Alfonse Malacara, 2; knocked out Dom Amoroso, 2. Norville Gaddis outpointed Billy Banks, 8. Frankie Conn drew with Jeff Holloway, 6. Angelo Luongo knocked out Bill Cummings, 1.

Billy Gibson knocked out Louis Mosely, 1. Billy Terry knocked out Al Rodriquez, 1. Al Jordan outpointed Bobby McIntyre, 8. Jimmy Lewis knocked out Willie Bowen, 1.

Mike Martyk knocked out Don Luis Gonzalez, 2. Ray Reed drew with Bill Clement (no round). Patsy Zoccano knocked out Jack Monroe, 2.

Frank Perry knocked out Young Tuffy, 4. Jesse Watson knocked out Pat Smith, 4. Sid Haber outpointed Frank Feener, 4. Jamaica Kelly knocked out Charles Hall, 3. Hall outpointed Chuck Ackworth, 6.

Ernie Stevens drew with Jack Watkins, 8. Bob Hopwood knocked out Jack Crossley, 4. Tommy Foxall knocked out Johnny Molloy, 2. Billy Taylor outpointed Jimmy Anderson, 8.

Billy Barron outpointed Bob Roberts, 4. Eddie Prince outpointed Eddie Carson, 6. Jack Simon outpointed Jackie Gray, 4. Robert Weatherly knocked out Jimmy Martin, 4.

Curtis Smith outpointed Paul White, 4. Chamaco Louis outpointed Ollie Johnson, 4. Battling Nick outpointed Johnny Aers, 6. Baby Chino knocked out Hank Roque, 5.

Cpl. Dick Cook drew with Jimmy Ainsworth, 6. Otho Slager outpointed Vincent Mazac, 6. Slager knocked out by Pedro Zammarita, 3. Baby Face Bechard outpointed Jean Paul Ouimet, 6.

Luck Lima knocked out Willie Marcus, 4. Al Baltieri knocked out Pat Butler, 1. George Baltieri knocked out Joe Henderson, 1. Jim Dalton outpointed Jimmy Martin, 4.

Douglas Gibson outpointed Pancho Martinez, 6. Antonio Serrano knocked out Robert Monroy, 2. Francisco Dozal knocked out Gabley Cortez, 3. Roscoe Scally outpointed Speedy Duval, 4.

Jetson Arnold knocked out Oscar Lewis, 4. Tiger Wills outpointed Al Williams, 6. Eddie Germaine outpointed Joe Fratt, 6. Paul Berg knocked out Lou Richards, 5.

Featherweights fared as follows: Sal Bartolo outpointed Freddie Russo, 10. Jimmy McAllister outpointed Georgie Cooper, 10. Enrique Bolanos knocked out Gene Spencer, 7. Charley Cabey Lewis outpointed Pat Demers, 10; knocked out Harold Gibson, 8.

Filberto Osarion beat Tony Oshiro, 4. Tony Ferrar stopped Joey Nicavedo, 3. Buddy Hayes knocked out Rocky Progano, 3. Tony Moore beat Bobby English.

Paul Reguejo outpointed Frankie Moore, 8; outpointed Frankie Moore, 10. Chilindrina Valencia outpointed Carlos Cuebas, 10. Paul Febbo drew with Johnny Wolgast, 8; knocked out Curley St. Angelo, 3. Tom Smith outpointed Dave Crowley, 8.

Clint Miller knocked out Lou Prince, 6; outpointed Joe Monteiro, 6. Al Phillips won on foul from Jimmy Stubbs, 7. Charley Riley outpointed Jorge Robles, 10. Leroy Jackson outpointed Angel Aviles, 10.

Chuck Edwards knocked out Buddy Spencer, 1; knocked out by Henry Zamora, 2. Reuben Heredia outpointed Sammy Anderson, 4; lost to Jimmy Pera, 4. Heredia outpointed Jimmy Pera, 4; drew with Sammy Anderson, 4; drew with

Jimmy Pera, 4; outpointed by Sammy Anderson, 4. Heredia knocked out Benny Rubin, 3. Val Balentine knocked out George Singson, 2. Richard Oshiro outpointed Philip LaBang, 4.

Jess Salazar outpointed Eddie Sangster, 4. Sangster knocked out Henry Zamora, 4. Salazar and Sangster drew, 4. Jock Leslie outpointed Lou Alter, 6. Alter outpointed Frankie Franconeri, 8. Alter lost to Steve Curley, 6. Alter outpointed Kudo Ortiz, 6. Curley outpointed Georgie Knox, 6. Curley outpointed Jimmy Allen, 6.

Spider Armstrong outpointed Vic Jade, 8. Ciro Dorita knocked out Freddie Zito, 1. Lenny Ceaser outpointed Billy Heath (no round). Gene Leblanc knocked out Ricky Silvia, 3; outpointed by Jerry Lavigne, 6; knocked out Sammy Montana, 3; outpointed Jerry Lavigne, 6. Eddie Mullen outpointed Billy Reed, 6; Gene Roberts knocked out George Chapman, 1; knocked out Dickie Miller, 2; knocked out Spider Thomas, 2; knocked out Ralph Turpin, 1.

Bobby Polowitzer outpointed Jack DesJardin, 8; knocked out Ted Lebel, 2. Tony Ferry knocked out Sammy Montana, 4; outpointed George Butler, 6. Lucky Johnson outpointed Red Hull, 4. Pedro Nieto knocked out Ralph Turpin, 1.

Augie Lapara knocked out Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, 6. Lloyd Hudson knocked out Charley Wooster, 3. Tito Vallis knocked out Louis Lang, 3; drew with Jimmy Collins, 4; knocked out Carlos Ramos, 1. Duane Hoag knocked out Nick Kachardus, 2. Timothy Buddy Hayes outpointed Bobby English, 8.

Joe Alvano outpointed Babe Lewin, 4; outpointed Babe Huerta, 4; outpointed Jimmy Duval, 4. Frankie Westel knocked out George Junior, 1; outpointed Tim McCarthy, 6. Leo Mucucci knocked out Marty Pemba, 2. Filberto Osario outpointed Johnny Land, 6; outpointed Benny May, 6; drew with Georgie Knox, 6.

Bert White outpointed Vic Jade, 5. Mickey Quack outpointed Ossie Peguese, 8; knocked out Guy Lucas, 1. Joe (Sandy) Saddler knocked out Herbert Jones, 3; knocked out Joe Monteiro, 5; knocked out Lou Rivera, 4.

Mike Finley outpointed Benny Jerome, 4. Ritchie Myershiro knocked out Marcel Fournier, 3; outpointed Lou Suliveres, 4. Joe Borjon knocked out Chuck Edwards, 4.

Pete Pacheco outpointed Buddy Spencer, 4; drew with Battling Rosendo, 4. Joe Mullins outpointed Jimmy Allen, 4; outpointed Nick Ruggeri, 4. Leslie Harris knocked out Frankie Adams, 2. Joey Longo outpointed Vernon Brown, 5.

Bernardino Ramirez outpointed Jess Salazar, 4. Irving Magid outpointed Lou Suliveres, 4. Jackie Floyd knocked out Vince Dell 'Orto, 6; knocked out Bobby Henry, 2. Barry Wood knocked out Ricky Silvia, 1; outpointed Sammy Montana, 4.

Archie Stock knocked out Pat Murray, 5; knocked out Bill Cummings, 2. Sojito Gonzales outpointed Lino Garcia, 10. Zurdo Duany knocked out Eddy de la Torre, 3. Miguel Acevedo outpointed Barquerito, 10.

Manuel Herrera outpointed Gallego Alvarez, 6. Oscar Williams outpointed Jimmy Allen, 6; outpointed Jose Fernandez, 4. Ted Christie knocked out Dickie Miller, 2; outpointed Pat Bradley, 5; outpointed Robert Beamon, 6; outpointed A. C. Lee, 6. A. C. Lee knocked out Bobby Lee, 2; knocked out Pedro Nilo (no round).

Ham Wiloby knocked out Gabriel Rios, 5. Ron Cashman outpointed Al Faust, 3. Carey Mace drew with John Bell, 3. Chalky White knocked out Harold Arrington, 1. Stanley Stinson knocked out Rafael Rosales, 2.

Tony Ferrar knocked out Jimmy Callura, 3. Babe Jose Gonzales outpointed Pedro Firpo, 6. Ginger Ward knocked out Jack Eddie Bolton, 3. Joe Crawford outpointed Bob Pulling, 6.

Alberto Arriata drew with Samuel Andrade, 4; outpointed California Kid, 4. Tony Fernandez knocked out Bobby Torres, 1; knocked out Jesse Becerra, 2. Lance Ruehle drew with Tiger Rodriquez, 4. Manny Ortega knocked out Pedro Ramirez, 8. Harry Parisi knocked out Eddie Thomas (no round).

Here are the bantamweight contests: Joho Shiromo outpointed Gus Rosa, 8. Eli Golindo outpointed Elwood Romero, 10. Joe Curran outpointed Gus Foran, 15. Mickey Colbert outpointed Ivor Gravell, 8. Danny Nagle knocked out Dennis Ford, 7. Hugo (Pee Wee) Flores outpointed Pete Bolas, 10. Jimmy Webster outpointed Tommy Plowright, 4.

Vince Lauria outpointed Tommy Cooke, 6. Archie Devino knocked out Donald Scanlon, 4. Benny May outpointed Frankie Pucci, 4. May outpointed by Pucci, 6. Pucci outpointed Archie Devino, 4. Terry Delpin outpointed Frankie Rodrigues. Henry Davis outpointed Harry Katekista, 4; knocked out Philip LaBang, 2.

Sammy Burke knocked out Jack Decker (no round). Jackie Greenberg knocked out Ted Williams, 2. Billy Commodore outpointed Carlos Ramos, 4; lost to Carlos Ramos, 4; knocked out by Joe Dell, 2. Wendel Douglas outpointed Donald Scanlon, 4; outpointed Donald Scanlon, 4.

Jimmy Callura knocked out Mike Forte, 1; drew with Tony Ferrar, 4; drew with Tito Vallis, 4; knocked out Billy Commodore, 2. Frankie Rivera knocked out Paul Martinez of Oklahoma City, 4. Howard Jackson kayoed Paul Martinez of Omaha, 2. Fred Hernandez outpointed Ben Reuben, 4; outpointed Tippy Larson, 4. Larson drew with Humberto Mecias, 4. Larson outpointed Humberto Mecias, 4. Hernandez knocked out Tippy Larson, 3.

Tiny (Orphan) Jules knocked out K. O. Salandy, 5. Tony Acevido outpointed Ralph Costello, 4; knocked out Jackie White, 2. George Junior knocked out Charley Spinner, 2.

Max Schindler outpointed Ray Alva, 6. Otho Slager drew with Joey Krikas, 4; lost to Vincent Mazac, 4; knocked out Vincent Mazac, 3. Armando Puentes Pi knocked out Miguel Pena, 7; outpointed Armando Dubuchet, 8. Jonas Fundora outpointed Jose Armstrong, 4. Jose Ferrer outpointed Baldomero Aldama, 6. Kid Guarina outpointed Chicho Bouza, 6.

Jorge Cruz outpointed Salvador Castro, 4; lost to Jesus Varona, 4. Rolando Delgado outpointed Salvador Castro, 6; outpointed Hector Delgado, 6. Hector Delgado lost to Ray Delgado, 6. Al Ellis outpointed Tommy Miller, 5. Wray Carter knocked out Ted Varnador, 3; knocked out Bernard Paige, 1. Francisco Colon Garcia knocked out Johnny Land, 1.

Archie Devino won from Frankie Pucci, 4.

Flyweight bouts follow: Bunty Doran drew with Sammy Reynolds, 10. Benny Cousins outpointed Buddy Taylor, 4. Taylor outpointed Ponce Jurado, 4. Jurado drew with Trini Ortiz, 4.

Marino Tiwanak outpointed Harry Katekista, 4. Ramon Castillo outpointed Black Pico, 6. Bernard Pugh outpointed Jack Turvey, 8. Stan Hawthorn knocked out Billy Swift, 4. Roy Ball outpointed Teddy Gallagher, 8. Little Tony knocked out Albert Martinez (no round).

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DAVE CASTILLOUX, Canadian light and welter champ, is still a master craftsman and resourceful counter-puncher—and a top drawing card in Montreal. The veteran proved this to the satisfaction of a packed house at the Stade Exchange when he easily outclassed dusky Ralph Walton in ten rounds while hundreds of fight-hungry fans vainly clamoured for tickets that were unavailable, the small stadium being all sold out. With prices increased from 25 to 62½ percent, some 2200 fans made a gross gate of $4400, leaving a net gate of $3,000 or so after taxes were paid, a record for the cozy sock site.

Castilloux gave the fans a first class exhibition of his specialty—making his foe throw plenty of punches with something like ninety percent of them swishing harmlessly through the ozone. Dave weaved, slipped, dodged, ducked and parried in his very best form while the fans gleefully applauded. Dapper Davey punched often enough too to help the wearing down process and Walton was all tuckered out by the seventh. In the eighth, the champ went to town whacking Walton earnestly enough to drape him over the ropes in a semi-conscious condition but his lack of finishing-off finesse allowed the game Walton to stick it out to the end. In fairness to Ralph, however, he was reported to be handicapped by a sore right hand, otherwise he would have made a better showing.

The six-round semi-final was a hotly contested setto between Baby-Face Bechard and Jean-Paul Ouimet, with Bechard gaining a close win on his harder hitting, mostly counter punches. The promising Ouimet survived some bad moments to prove himself a gamester and had Bechard in distress a few times only to fail to follow up. It was a pleasing battle that easily outstripped the mediocre battling in the preliminaries.

Joey Bagnato, heavy-hitting Toronto veteran, made an auspicious appearance in the feature of the following show when he came on at the finish to trounce the dusky Brooklynite, Jimmy Thompson. The Negro, a smart cutie, gave Bagnato plenty of trouble until the last few rounds when Joey opened up with his heavier artillery. It was a good fight and Bagnato was matched to headline a later show against Ralph Walton, who battled him to a six-round draw in Toronto last year.

The semi-final six-rounder was a crudely but earnestly-fought battle between a pair of heavy-hitting welters, Roger Whynott, of Quebec, and Dave Viau, of Montreal. Whynott was the more consistent walloper, and merited the decision despite the scattered boos of a few rabid Viau rooters.

Vacation Varnish . . . We took our first trip to New York since 1937 when Tommy Farr stuck it out for 15 rounds with Joe Louis. . . . This time we saw a corking battle between clouting Johnny Greco and classy Tony Janiro. . . . Found Broadway much the same, a little more hectic and crowded . . . and so many service uniforms. . . . Stillman's is the one big gym now that the Pioneer has passed on. . . . Many of the same faces in the ranks of managers, trainers and matchmakers. . . . Some good friends missing, including the late Bob Levy and Pete Montesi, severely wounded in France. . . . Mickey Walker's Bar does a roaring business on Garden fight nights. . . . Fistic fraternity shocked by news of Meyer Ackerman's tragic death in accident "over there" . . . but business still continued "as usual" at RING office where we found the boss, Nat Fleischer, still overworking . . . take it easy, chief . . . dropped over to Springfield, Mass., for a short visit and saw great fight card at West Springfield Dog Track . . . lovely setup there and secret of fistic success no mystery after viewing results of matchmaking prowess of Al Caroly and George Sheppard. . . . fine bunch of fellows there including C. O. Hart, the club's press agent, and Harold Heinz, who does a peacherino of a boxing column for the Springfield *Union* . . . the show we saw was topped by a keen ten-rounder between George Henry and Johnny Carter, of Philadelphia. . . . These Negro clouters staged a swell scrap with the underdog, Henry, overcoming reach, height and weight to win handily. . . . Henry would be a troublesome boy for anybody in his class.

Marcel Fournier squiring lovely Mary Beth Jones of Forest Hills. . . . She is a very gifted pianist and a charming hostess. Their romance started in Florida last winter where Marcel was a popular performer. Wilfe Shanks, looking good in workouts with Joe Agosta at Stillman's. . . . Jerry Lavigne turned in fine performance at Fall River, Mass., when he stopped Gene Leblanc's unbeaten record at 15 straight. . . . Montreal's Al Evans now campaigning under George Sheppard.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

BERNARD DOCUSEN, Southern lightweight champion, the greatest Dixie lightweight developed in the past 25 years, was accepted by the U. S. Army on July 24, and is awaiting his call for active duty. The fight game loses a great fighter and a marvelous gate attraction with Docusen's induction into the armed services. I still predict that when Docusen finishes his hitch with Uncle Sam, he will come back to the ring game and win a world's title.

Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond will now have to depend upon outside talent for their feature events except in the case of Augie Lapara, who can be developed into a good attraction. Docusen, the 18-year-old youngster clicked instantly with the cash customers when he turned professional. Docusen entered the money game on February 8, 1943, and in his last fight decisioned Phil Terranova with ease on June 25th of this year.

Docusen fought 26 professional fights in 28 months in the professional ranks. Bernard won from Phil Terranova, stopped Sammy Parrotta in eight rounds, defeated Jimmy "Kid" Hatcher and Charley "Lulu" Costantino over the eight-round distance.

The phantom of Dixie lightweights defeated Jackie Graves when both were featherweights in six rounds and also pounded out a one-sided win over Maurice "Lefty" LaChance.

Docusen compiled a record that no other New Orleans fighter since the days of Joe Mandot, Pete Herman and Tony Canzoneri will ever equal.

With Docusen awaiting induction, Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond will start a busy campaign. Raymond is Messina's matchmaker for white shows and Louis Chattard, local Negro sportsman handles Messina's Negro shows.

On Aug. 17 Messina showed Holman Williams and Bert Lytell in a ten-rounder. Lytell had defeated Sgt. "Mad" Anthony Jones in ten rounds and stopped Deacon Logan, St. Louis, Mo., Negro in the final round of their ten-rounder in two starts here.

Freddie Archer, Newark, N. J., welterweight and Steve Vaccarelli, New York lightweight, managed by the astute Willie Ketchum are popular here. Phil Terranova, Charley "Lulu" Costantino, Jimmy "Kid" Hatcher, Sgt. Tommy Roman are also fighters whom Messina and Raymond can show and stage profitable matches.

Fighters and managers desiring work in this vicinity can contact the writer, Broadway Johnny Cox, DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La., Dixie promoters also seeking good talent can communicate with me at the above address.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

GENTLE DANIEL, 168, kayoed Syd Brown, Jamaica, 166½, in five rounds in a return bout staged at the Woodbrook Stadium. Unlike their last fight, Brown tried to mix it up with his younger opponent, and paid dearly for it. Brown went to the canvas in the fourth for a count of nine, and the bell saved him from being kayoed. In the fifth, he again went to the canvas for a nine-count, and then for the final ten.

In the semi-final, Ansell (Baba) Adams, 178, of South Trinidad, scored a two-round knockout over Bob Lincoln, 175, of Grenada. Adams is a much improved boxer since he fought Daniel and Tiger Jack Johnson.

In the other bouts, Russell O'Brien, 135, of the Navy, scored a four-round T.K.O. over Young Joe Louis, 127. Louis was dropped five times.

Tiny (Orphan) Jules, 113, won by T.K.O. in the fifth from K.O. Salandy, 112.

I noticed in THE RING that Jimmy Johnston claims that his boxer, Archie Moore, is the rightful light-heavyweight champion of the world. Reason? Archie kayoed Ron Richards, and Ron had previously beaten Gus Lesnevich, present light-heavyweight champion. If this is the way Mr. Johnston looks at it, then Gentle Daniel should be rated among the ten best light-heavies, as he has twice kayoed Syd Brown, who holds a decision over Ron Richards.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

"YOU never can tell" aptly expresses the thoughts of California boxing fans these days because of the upsets and reversal of form shown by many of the boxers in recent months. The most recent of these surprises was the defeat of Freddie Dixon. And it was quite a jolt to the Negro veteran, who was being considered for an outdoor shot with Ray Robinson or one of the other welterweight contenders. And Dixon, like Lloyd Marshall and Archie Moore, had plugged along for years waiting for something big to break for him.

There is speculation as to what has happened to Dixon. He had recently gone under new management, his contract having been bought by Leon Schwab, a Los Angeles druggist, but this arrangement was supposed to be to Freddie's liking. Well, whatever the reason for Dixon's defeat, he has been eliminated as a welterweight contender, which, he certainly was, as far as California fans were concerned. However, Dixon's loss was to a good fighter—Cecil Hudson, who himself would be considered of championship caliber if he were more consistent in performing up to his real ability.

The Hudson-Dixon go was a 12-rounder, staged at the Los Angeles Olympic, and the decision to Cecil was unanimous. Dixon appeared slower than usual and was off balance much of the time, partly due of course, to the speedy fadeaway and fast jabbing of Hudson, who was making one of his best fights. Cecil executed some beautiful footwork and continually stabbed his aggressive rival with a well-oiled left.

Hudson started fast and piled up such a commanding lead in the early rounds that Dixon's only hope of winning was by a knockout. The Arizona vet hung some heavy ones on his fast-moving foe in the 5th, 8th and 10th rounds, but they were not of the sleep-producing variety and Cecil has always been a guy who could stand up under heavy punching. Hudson weighed 146, Dixon 147½.

A couple of former Golden Gloves champs, Morris Corona and Dolph Quijano, were the leading men in the best fights of the night. Corona, 146, bested Ted Jamison, 150, Pasadena, in a sizzling 4-rounder. Corona, almost stopped in the opening round, came back to outslug Jamison and had the Negro boy in a bad way in the final heat. Quijano, 170, whipped Al Timmons, 175, Cleveland, in another 4-rounder, in which Quijano was rendered dizzy in the 3rd, and Timmons was in a groggy condition in the 4th.

In remaining bouts, Sammy Anders, 130, decisioned Reuben Heredia, 126, in four; Frankie Calzo, 162, nodded Jackie Cooper, 158, in four; Trini Ortiz, 122, ended up even with Ponce Jurado, 116, in the opener.

After being on the receiving end of a shellacking for four rounds of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena, Billy Harrison, 145, of Oakland, came on to upset the dope and Melvin Johnson, 144, of Chicago, in the 9th round. Johnson, a clever Negro boxer, was making a sucker of the Oaklander until Harrison connected with one of his lethal rights in the 5th, which completely changed the trend of the battle.

The iron-fisted Negro put Johnson on the canvas three times in this 5th heat, and once in the 7th, 8th and 9th, at which time the bout was stopped. The Chicagoan fought back gamely after every knockdown, but he was receipting for an unmerciful beating at the time Referee Benny Whitman halted it.

In the prelims, Henry Zamora, 130, iced Chuck Edwards, 127 (2); Ossie Lewis, 153, whipped Martin O'Malley, 147 (4); Reuben Heredia, 125, decisioned Sammy Anders, 127 (4); Jake Stephens, 158, chilled King White, 150 (1); Jess Humber, 150, eliminated Dale Arviso, 148 (1).

Eddie Hudson, 136, San Francisco Negro, piled up an early lead on Chino Carvajal, 132, of Mexico, and then put a damper on the Mexican's strong rally to win a 10-rounder fought at the San Diego Coliseum. Chino almost sunk Hudson with a right to the body in the 4th but Eddie came back to have Carvajal in trouble in the 5th. Hudson had five of the first eight rounds to his credit, but Chino grabbed the 9th and was winning the 10th until smashed on the nose with a hard right which ended his spurt.

This Carvajal appears to be a dandy prospect, but he is being tossed in with too stiff competition for one of his experience.

In other bouts, Junior Washington, San Diego middleweight, put Bud Singleton of Los Angeles, in the resin for the full count in the second heat with a left to the body; Al Luna, San Diego bantam, stopped Benny Cousins of Los Angeles, in the third, after flooring him four times; Jimmy Butler, light-heavy, KO'ed Bill Campbell in three; Henry Young, featherweight, decisioned Sal Sanchez in four.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy staged a Los Angeles natural that should have been one of the most exciting scraps seen in these parts in months. The principals were two colorful, knock-'em-outers, both of whom can be stopped (both have been), so, the customers packed the Olympic feeling sure of getting their money's worth, even if the affair ended in a round. But this 10-rounder between Fitzie Fitzpatrick and Paulie Peters went the full distance without even a knockdown or a thrill.

The crowd was greatly disappointed, not because the bout was a really bad one, but because it was a flop as far as what the faithful came to see. Fitzie was as wild in his delivery as a newspaper carrier, and Peters was as cautious as a trout. Paulie appeared to be interested only in becoming a member of that small set who have remained perpendicular against the socking Virginian for one whole evening, and he exposed less of his chin than a frightened turtle.

Peters is one of those guys who can take it, or leave it alone. On some nights Paulie leads with his whiskers and can't be bothered with this defense stuff, but on this evening the 'Frisco playboy never once forgot to duck. When becoming disgusted from hitting where Peters' head wasn't, Fitzie opened up an attack on Paulie's body, but his accuracy wasn't much better downstairs either, and most of his blows landed in foul territory.

Fitzie did land a few solid ones on Peters, but Paulie is a toughie and the blows merely caused the Frisco boxer to back away, which he continuously did anyway. In spite of taking away a few points from Fitzpatrick for low punching, the Irishman won all the way, being too big, too rugged and too much of a puncher for Peters, who probably would have been knocked stiff had he fought as the customers wanted him to. Fitzpatrick weighed 166, Peters 158.

Jackie Ryan, 148, San Francisco, and Jackie Byrd, 145, Blytheville, Ark., dubbed the Arkansas Traveler, went eight rounds to a draw in the semi. Ryan has a good left jab, but little else. Even though a good looking Irishman and wearing pretty green trunks, Jackie lacks color, having no punch to brag of and little fire. And the Arkansan should stop traveling and settle down to a steady job, for Byrd is slower than that famed train of his state, and he is as open as gambling in Nevada. Although both Jackies smashed each other in the physiog for the eight rounds without letup, it still was an uninteresting affair.

In the 4-rounders, Jess Flores, 137, Negro boxer of Oakland, bobbed and bounced to an easy win over Wilford Scott, 141; Jess Humber, 144, nodded Chick Musgrove, 149; Mexican Bud Taylor, 119, decisioned Ponce Jurado, 116.

Gene (Spider) Jensen, 143, Burbank, chalked up his 6th consecutive knockout by disposing of Alejandro Vega of Mexico, in the 6th round at the Ocean Park Arena. A left to the stomach ended the contest, which had been a nip and tuck affair for five rounds.

Other results: Jack Butler decisioned Harry Wills, 172 (4); Benardo Ramirez, 129, nodded Jess Salazar, 129 (4); Jake Stephens, 158, stopped Rudy Garcia, 156 (2); Joe Alvano, 129, defeated Babe Huerta, 131 (4); Billy Gibson, 129, KO'ed Louis Mosely, 152 (1).

Kid Filipino fared better in his second California start, getting the duke over Genero Rojo in a 10-rounder at Hollywood Stadium. However, his victory was nothing to write to Sonoro, Mex., about, and that he won at all was due to the fact that he met a Rojo who fought as badly as only he can fight. The Alpine St. idol was neither in the mood or physical condition to make a good scrap, and Filipino wasn't so far behind him in either of those departments. In short, it was an uninteresting affair.

Rojo, a deadly puncher, made little effort to follow up his advantage when he did hurt his opponent on a few occasions, while Filipino lacks punching power and his cleverness is of the awkward, rather than the flashy variety. Rojo floored the Kid for a 1-count in the 3rd, and had the visitor in a bad way in the 10th. Filipino garnered eight of the rounds by slight margins, mostly with light punches to the body.

Referee Charlie Randolph prodded the fighters for more action, but it being a warm night, the boys were tired, and—well, you know how it is. The crowd didn't like the bout. I didn't like the bout. You wouldn't have liked the bout. Each weighed 145.

The semi-windup between Sgt. Gaston Miller, 170, Washington, D.C., and John Donnelly, 178, Kansas City, was halted in the second round and declared a draw because of a cut suffered by Miller.

In the 4-rounders: Pete Pacheco, 124, whipped Buddy Spencer, 125; Harry Wills, 175, was awarded the nod over Freddie Russell, 167; Sammy Anders, 127, and Reuben Heredia, 125, drew; Tippy Larson, 118, and Humberto Macias, 118, ended up even.

Cleo Shans, Brawley, Calif., Negro lightweight, won handily over Chino Carvajal in a 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The Mexican boy made a game stand and was okeh at the long range stuff, but he could not keep his rugged foe from getting in close, where Cleo gave him a beating about the body. Carvajal rocked Shans with a left and right in the 6th, but the Negro battler punished Chino with a body attack in the 7th.

Although the action did not lag at any time, the fight was far from exciting, being an in-close affair most of the time, where Chino lacked the experience at infighting and the know-how of tying up his opponent.

In the three prelims: Al Moreno KO'ed Chuck Edwards in the second; Lucio Beltran stopped Gene Merville in the fifth; Young Salvador defeated Chucate Sanchez in four.

The writer takes this time out from reporting last month's fights to insert an item that I feel certain will be of interest to many readers of this column, especially a large number of Los Angeles boys now in the Service. It is the announcement that the Southwest Arena has changed hands.

The well known little club, which has been the "trying grounds" and prep school for a great many Los Angeles professional boxers, was built by Harry Winkler four years ago. Winkler had previously promoted at the Inglewood, Hawthorne, Ocean Park and Pasadena arenas.

The Southwest Arena, the cleanest and best conducted club in the state, has been quite generally regarded as one of the finest amateur clubs in the entire country. And the arena has been filled to capacity every week for the past eighteen months. Why then? Aw, I wanna go fishin'.

Eli Golindo, 121, Los Angeles, won a hard fought 10-round decision over Elwood Romero, 118, Sacramento, at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a slam-bang battle all the way, with both taking trips to the canvas. Golindo put Romero down for 9-counts in both the 2nd and 3rd rounds, while Romero made Eli eat the resin in the 9th.

Other results: Rosendo Trejho, 128, defeated Jimmy Pera, 128, in four; Shamus McCray, 139, decisioned Pal Moran, 140, in four; Jimmy Duval, 130, iced Joey Alvano, 133, in the first heat; Tommy Bishop, 210, KO'ed Ardis Mack, 185, in the third; Nate Gibson, 165, stopped Billy Gibson, 160 (no relation), in the opening round; Teddy Guerrero, 141, eliminated Levi Board, 136, in round one.

Kenny Watkins, clever Negro boxer of Los Angeles, was given the chance he rated and made good in a big way. This column has played Watkins up as of main-event caliber for nearly a year. (There goes Winkler bragging again.) And Kenny is in the percentage class to remain for awhile, for the man in the opposite corner of the Los Angeles Olympic ring whom Watkins had his glove hoisted over, was Jack Chase. Probably not the Chase (in ability) who won over Lloyd Marshall and Archie Moore, a year or two ago, but nevertheless, a fighter who is still good.

Watkins' victory was a noteworthy accomplishment because of the fact that he outboxed the Colorado veteran, and the decision was unanimous. It was a splendid bout to watch, fast, clever and cleanly contested. Kenny copped most of the heats with his well-educated left jab, dropping only two or three of the rounds when he was forced to slug it out with Chase. Jack tried hard for a kayo in the 8th and 9th, and hurt Watkins on a few occasions, but Kenny came back to stab out a wide margin in the final canto. Watkins weighed 160, Chase 167.

Dolph Quijano, 171, looked very good in easily winning over John L. Sullivan, 172, Portland, in the four-round semi.

In remaining prelims, Ben Johnson, 162, Houston, Texas, KO'ed Tom Lester, 157, in the third; Elliott Beckman, 189, decisioned Tony Martin, 200, in four; Reuben Heredia, 127, and Jimmy Pera, 125, drew in four; Joe Alvano, 132, defeated Jimmy Duval, 130, in the opener.

Bob Farris, Los Angeles Negro, spoiled the California debut of one Joe Martinez of Juarez, Mexico, with a hard right to the jaw in the third round at the Pasadena Arena. They battled on even terms in the first heat. Martinez landed a few solid punches in the second. Farris swarmed all over the Mexican in the third and ended the festivities in this round. Each weighed 147.

Other results: Casey O'Hara, 195, defeated Carlton Perry, 193 (6); Roscoe Scalley, 134, stopped Stan Jamison, 134 (3); Jimmy Johnson, 151, whipped Louis Mosely, 153 (4); Babe Huerta, 131, decisioned Babe Lewin, 135 (4).

Tony Mar of Mexico fought with a vengeance in whipping Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. The Mexican used a body attack to garner

most of the rounds and won by a wide margin. Mar put Hudson in the resin with a solid left to the stomach in the eighth which almost ended the affair. Grimacing in pain, Eddie claimed foul, but Referee Johnny Indrisano ordered him to continue. The Negro boxer arose at the count of nine, was the recipient of more hard punches and went to his corner a sick warrior.

Hudson tried hard throughout to land his trusty right, which is potent, but the Chinese-Mexican knows the answers, and Eddie's efforts merely stirred up the smoky atmosphere. Hudson went all out in the final round in an effort to pull the fight out of the fire, and he did give Mar a lacing for the biggest part of the heat, but Tony withstood the assault and was slugging it out on even terms at the bell. Mar weighed 136, Hudson 135.

Reecy Davis, 153, Texas, stopped Ike Blair, 146, El Centro, in the fifth of the semi. It was a brawl, in which the fans were treated to some laughs as well as excitement, due to wild missing and tumbling.

In other bouts, Jimmy Lewis, 140, won by T.K.O. over Dub Bowen, 138, in the first round; Rudy Garcia, 158, and Bob Hawkins fought a draw; J. Q. Jackson, 185, won by T.K.O. over Jack McBride, 175, in the third; Tippy Larson, 118, found someone he could whip in Humberto Macias, 118.

Making his first start after a long layoff, Al Medrano, classy Los Angeles boxer, decisioned Torito Ramos, Mexican windmill, in ten rounds at the San Diego Coliseum. For the first five rounds Medrano made a sucker of his crude foe, but due to his inactivity, Al tired badly in the late rounds and experienced tough going during the last half of the fray.

Torito copped the sixth with some overhand rights, and his two-fisted attack caused Medrano to backpedal much of the time during the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds, although Ramos seldom landed solidly on his clever opponent. Medrano came out fighting in the tenth to win the final heat and assure himself of victory.

In remaining bouts: Junior Washington bested Frank Calzo in six; Fugio Escobedo won by T.K.O. over Chick Musgrove in the fifth; Young Salvador stopped Collier Oswald in the third; Henry Young T.K.O.'ed Sal Sanchez in two.

Cecil Hudson is making a rightful claim to the state welterweight title, but the State Athletic Commission seems to be reluctant to proclaim him as such, probably because the title is supposed to be "frozen" in respect to Jackie Wilson, who is in the service. This column believes that Hudson should be declared state champ for two very good reasons: He is the only fighter to defeat Freddie Dixon, long regarded as the best of California's 147-pounders; and Wilson's manager stated months ago that his fighter "was to be known as Cleveland Jackie Wilson hereafter." Also, Jackie has been beaten in both of his Eastern starts in recent months.

And the logical opponent to face Hudson for the state title is Jimmy Doyle, who is now doing so well in the East. This would be a peach of a scrap. The boxers were former stablemates and there is much rivalry between them.

A couple of preliminary boys, Shamus McCray, 138, and Wilford Scott, 139, fought the ten-rounder main event at the Pasadena Arena, with McCray getting the duke. It was a dull bout, which makes it an unusual one, for most always when these prelim kids get the chance to "star," they go out and fight like 'ell, but these two didn't, particularly McCray, who clinched throughout.

Results of the other next week or last week "main eventers" were as follows: Bernardo Ramirez, 126, whipped Henry Zamora, 132 (6); Benny Black, 141, stopped Teddy Guerrero, 140 (2); Casey O'Hara, 198, K.O.'ed Bentley Jones, 192 (1); Tommy Lester, 162, decisioned Jack Bailey, 165 (4).

Enrique Bolanos is showing improvement and should, as he is getting a lot of experience against opponents who fall far short of his ability. It is good managing, but local fans are becoming a bit tired at paying for Bolanos' "schooling." The classy Mexican is ready for the first-string lightweights, and Gene Spencer, the latest victim of Enrique, is not of that set. The Chicago boy is a good club fighter and worthy trial horse, but there was no point (I didn't say angle) in importing Gene out here to oppose Bolanos.

The bout was a rather one-sided affair, the Mexican jabbing, hooking and crossing Spencer at will. Gene did manage to land a few solid hooks during the six rounds fought, but most of the time he could do little else but catch. The Windy City scrapper is tough and a gamester, and never appeared to be in distress in spite of being hit hard, but he was being punched around unmercifully when the bout was halted by Referee Reggie Gilmore in the seventh round. Each weighed 133.

Louie Flyer, 147, veteran Jewish southpaw of Boyle Heights, made another return to the ring and disposed of Hugh Stell, 143, Kansas Negro, in the fourth round of the semi. Flyer first floored Stell for a nine-count with a hard blow to the stomach, then decked him for keeps with left and right to the jaw.

In the four-rounders: Jeep Anderson, 125, and Pete Pacheco, 126, battled furiously to a draw; Bob Hawkins, 155, decisioned Jimmy Edwards, 158; Billy Hayman, 137, nodded Teddy Guerrero, 142; Jess Humber, 147, beat Martin O'Malley, 146.

Buddy Millard, 180, Indianapolis, stopped Dan Merritt, 205, Cleveland, in the fifth round at the San Diego Coliseum. Merritt proved to be rough and game, but he was outclassed by the Indiana Negro, who is plenty good. The Clevelander slugged it out on almost even terms with Millard in the opening round, but when he slowed up late in the second, Buddy put him on the canvas for a nine-count. Merritt was floored twice more in the third, and was forced to clinch to last out the fourth. Millard decked Dan for a nine-count at the start of the fifth, then beat him to the canvas again to have it called a night.

In the prelims: Al Wright, 158, K.O.'ed Al Pittman in the opening round with a right to the jaw; Chick Musgrove iced Billy Williams in three; Lucio Beltran was awarded the nod over Shamus McCray in the third when he received an eye cut due to a butt, Beltran being ahead on points; Flash Gordon put Jimmy Fish out of the swim in the opening round.

Climbing up off the floor from an eight-count knockdown in the opening round, Frankie Augustain, 158, Los Angeles, battled furiously to repay Francis Ogg, 168, Sacramento, for the indignity inflicted upon him at the Ocean Park Arena. The hard-hitting Mexican stopped his foe in the ninth heat, but found Francis to be a bad Ogg, and the contest proved a slam-bang affair. Augustain put Francis down in the seventh before stowing him away with blows to the body in the ninth.

Other results: Shamus McCray, 138, decisioned Sonny Hill, 135 (4); Bob Hawkins, 158, K.O.'ed Bud Singleton, 160 (3); Ellsworth Clark, 194, blasted out Jimmy Lloyd, 178 (1); Babe Huerta, 130, chilled Benny Rubin, 127 (3); Freddie Hernandez, 119, rendered Tippy Larson, 117, *hors de combat* (3).

Johnny Haynes, the big Negro clouter, is no laughing matter. He chilled Buddy Millard in a round, but those things happen occasionally, so the drums weren't beaten so much. But now he ups and adds Al Jordan to his list of kayo victims. This latest achievement was accomplished at the Los Angeles Olympic in eight rounds.

It wasn't a fast or exciting fight, as Jordan hasn't been boxing up to his best form in recent months, and Haynes used his greater weight to wear the Chicago Negro down. A powerful right landed in the first minute of the eighth round did the trick. Haynes weighed 212, Jordan 185.

The fireworks of the evening were furnished by Georgie Hansford of Los Angeles and Joe Robleto of Pasadena, who swapped punches for over eight rounds of a scheduled ten-rounder. Hansford had tried hard for a kayo win and the veteran was running out of gas, but he planted a left into Robleto's midsection in the ninth that sank Joe for the evening, and ran up Georgie's comeback victories to four.

In three four-rounders, Dolph Quijano, 170, making his first pro start since winning the Golden Gloves light-heavy title, disposed of Henry Rich, 168, in the second round; Elliott Backman, 191, nodded Carlton Perry, 196; Val Valentino, 119, decisioned Jimmy Pera, 127.

Another preliminary boxer, Eddie Singster, can now boast of being a "main eventer," and a winning one, for Eddie belted out Henry Zamora, 132, in the fourth round of the feature bout at Pasadena Arena. Singster, 130, outclassed the aggressive Pasadena boy. A right to the jaw ended it.

In other bouts: Benny Black, 141, finished fast to get a draw with Shamus McCray, 138, in six; Jake Stephens, 157, defeated Jimmy Johnson, 150, in six; Freddie Hernandez, 120, beat Tippy Larson, 118, in four; Len Johnson, 158, outpointed Louis Mosely, 157, in four.

Raul Zenit Cruz of Mexico and Cleo Shans, Brawley (Calif.) Negro, fought a nip-and-tuck ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium, which was declared a draw. And the decision must have been a good one, as the referee had Shans ahead by a shade, one judge tabbed it a draw, while the other judge voted for Cruz. And the sport scribes differed to the same extent. This writer thought that Shans had a shade, if that means anything—and it certainly doesn't.

The crowd liked the draw, as crowds do when the underdog comes from behind, and that is what the Mexican visitor did. After copping the first two rounds by shades, Cruz was on the short end of the scoring for the next five heats. Shans gave Raul quite a body beating in the early rounds and put him down for a seven-count in the fifth, but the fast pace he set told on the Negro battler in the eighth and he had a tough time holding his own in this canto.

Cruz slugged it out with Shans in the ninth and won the round by a wide margin, staggering Cleo a couple of times. Shans had shot his bolt and the final heat was merely a three-minute sentence of punishment for him. Cruz hit him with everything in Hollywood, but the Brawley Buzz-saw kept his feet to the finish. Cruz weighed 138, Shans 135.

In the semi, Chino Rodriguez, 143, pounded out a decision over Ike Blair, 148, in a hotly contested six-rounder. There was considerable rough stuff in this bout, as there is in most all of Blair's contests.

Results of prelims: Jess Salazar, 128, won from Eddie Singster, 130, in four; Pete Pacheco, 128, bested Bernardo Ramirez, 125, in four; J. Q. Jackson, 183, K.O.'ed Bilbo Smith, 176, in two; Jimmy Pera, 128, nodded Reuben Heredia, 125, in the opener.

Ran Jackson of Texas and Kid Lester of San Diego, a pair of Negro rough and tumble middleweights, mauled each other for ten rounds at the San Diego Coliseum, with Jackson getting the decision. It was a fight that should have taken place back of the arena instead of in the ring, supposedly under athletic supervision. Lester spun Jackson through the ropes, they fought after the bell ending the rounds, butted, etc. The Texan earned the nod with a looping uppercut.

In another ten-rounder, Little Giant, San Diego Negro featherweight, was declared the winner over Reuben Sonorita of Mexico, but the decision was unpopular with the crowd. Giant won the first two heats, but was on the canvas at the bell ending the third and he dropped the fourth. First one, then the other, was head man for the next six rounds. Both were dead tired, but still willing to mix it in the final canto.

In three prelims, Young Salvador and Fally Villegas slugged to a draw in six; Lucio Beltran K.O.'ed Collier Oswald in the first; Kid Kilroy stopped Flash Gordon in three.

That Kid Filipino is a tough hombre. We had seen him smacked down before and he stayed down, so we didn't know if he would ever get up if slapped down in like manner. But the Kid from Sonora was felled by Billy Harrison, Oakland Negro, in the first round at the Los Angeles Olympic, and he got up to win. Now, Harrison cannot box a lick, but when he puts 'em down with that right of his, they most always stay put.

Filipino came off the floor at the count of six and managed to last out the round. The Mexican was still weak in the second and Harrison had him in a groggy condition, but that was the last round in which Billy was the boss. Filipino circled his crude foe, stabbed him with left jabs and put in numerous rights to the body. Harrison kept charging in and was always dangerous, but the Kid boxed cautiously and Billy's heavy artillery most always landed in the river. Filipino weighed 145, Harrison 147.

In another ten-rounder, Edgar Robinson, 155, Arizona Negro, bested Ran Jackson, 158, Texas Negro toughie. It was rather close at the end of the sixth, but Robinson forged ahead in the late rounds to win going away, which pleased the crowd because of Jackson's usual foul tactics.

In the four-rounders: Benny Cousins, 115, outpointed Mexican Bud Taylor, 117; Shamus McCray, 138, whipped Teddy Guerrero, 141; Al Wright, 159, nodded Dave Gotz, 158; Ciro Zurita, 124, stopped Freddie Zito, 120, in round one.

A contest between Arturo Barron, 139, Los Angeles, and Joe Gorman, 136, Oakland, taking place at the Ocean Park Arena, was halted and declared a technical draw by Referee Billy Kershner, when Gorman suffered an eye cut. Barron was ahead on points at the time.

Other results: Reuben Heredia, 126, defeated Jimmy Pera, 127, in four; Joe Alvano, 129, bested Babe Lewin, 133, in four; Freddie Hernandez, 119, had it on Benny Rubin, 125, in a four-rounder; Freddie Russell, 168, belted out Bud Thomas, 170, in the first stanza; Ralph Mendoza, 151, decisioned Jess Humber, 147, in four.

A couple of crowd-pleasers, Willie Jones and Benny Black, who have been doing their stuff in the four-rounders, were booked to go ten in the top spot at Pasadena Arena, but the distance was too long and the opponent too tough for Black. Jones, a hard-punching Negro boy, would run Benny half-way 'round Pasadena, and knock him down every time he caught up with him. Willie floored Black in the second, twice in the sixth, and again in the seventh, at which time the one-sided affair was stopped.

In other bouts: Shamus McCray, 138, decisioned Billy Hayman, 136 (6); Len Johnson, 155, won by T.K.O. from Jake Stephens, 158 (2); Louis Mosely, 155, beat Martin O'Malley, 148 (4); Babe Huerta, 133, stopped Levi Board, 136 (2).

Must leave out my notes this month, and cannot answer any of your queries in this column at this time, but I will write each of you personally if your letter contained a stamped, self-addressed envelope. And I request that all of you who have written me regarding securing bouts in California, kindly do so again. Thank you. This writer's address is Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

THE boxing results from Northern California for the month of July follow:

In one of the fastest, more furious encounters witnessed in years, Tony Olivera, San Francisco Portuguese, retained the state bantamweight title, by holding Luis Castillo, leading Mexican contender, to a fifteen-round draw at the Civic Auditorium. The three officials disagreed in tabulating the final result. Referee Toby Irwin, voted a draw, Judge Joe Gorman gave it to Tony by a 83-81 margin, while Judge Frankie Carter ruled Castillo by 84½ to 80½. This corner had Olivera in front 83 to 82, but we believe a draw was justful to both battlers.

This fifteen rounder marked the sixth time the boys have met, with Olivera far in front in how the series stand. Tony has won four, Castillo one, and one even. However, all of the former's wins were close decisions.

In the ninth round, Tony hit the deck from a hard right while on his heels, but was upright without a count. Two other times the Frisco lad went down, but both were "slips" in Castillo's wet corner.

This hard-hitting Mexican, who can hit like a mule, with his swinging left hooks to the body and long rights to the side, thrilled the fans continually. However, when Olivera pumped a half dozen shots down the Mexican's middle, you couldn't hear a noise in the house. As the Portuguese lad is from Frisco, you would expect the fans to be cheering him on, but such was not the case. In fact, Castillo had his backers cheering when he missed or his punches were blocked. Tony got hardly a boost from the gallery boys.

In the final session, both boys stood toe-to-toe and traded blows, with first one, then the other, taking the lead. The draw verdict was followed with boos and cheers.

Weights were Olivera, 117½, Castillo, 117. House gross hit $11,145.92 and there wasn't a man or lady in the house that didn't praise the ability of both men.

In the semi-final, Chuck Ross, 162, easily trounced Eddie Mahoney, 160, a rough middleweight, in six rounds.

Ross dumped Mahoney for an eight count in the fifth, but also opened cuts over Eddie's left and right eyes.

Jimmy Simmons, 152, was handed a TKO over Leonard Hodgson, 159, when the latter received a cut over his left eye. The ending came early in the second. Ernie Woods, 166, a good prospect, and Billy Simmons, 164, battled to a furious four round draw.

Jim Pernell, New York Negro, won an easy eight round decision over Irish Johnny Taylor, Oakland crowd-pleaser, in the second half of the main-event at National Hall, which was witnessed by $1,174 worth of customers.

Pernell used a beautiful left hand to win every round. He used Taylor as a punching bag.

In the companion eight, Speedy Cannon, 151, subbed for Eddie Halligan, and outslugged Pedro Jiminez, Vallejo, 149, but "Little Billy" Burke, the referee, called it a draw. Speedy should have been handed the win.

Other results: K. O. Brown, 173, defeated Roscoe Simmons, 174, in four rounds; Luther Johnson, 136, won on a TKO when his foe Tiger Burns, 135, suffered an injured mitt. The former had hit the deck twice for nine counts.

Abel Lucero, Fresno lightweight, scored a ten-round win over Sonny Hill, Los Angeles Negro, in the headliner at Oakland.

Hill stepped in as a sub for Humberto Sierra, who apparently "ran out" on the East boy promoter. The Hill-Lucero fracus was a dull one. Lucero easily outpointed his opponent, who didn't show too much interest in the battle. Lucero weighed 130, Hill 135.

Two good eights went under the main-go, in one of them, Pete Lakovich, 191, Fresno, scored an easy kayo in one over Mike O'Grady, 210, of Los Angeles. O'Grady hit the deck three times before he decided he had enough.

Frankie Moore, 136, won over Alex Vega, 139½, in the other eight rounds.

In the opener, Benny Calla, Vince Monzo's dandy prospect, scored a first round kayo over Joe Pierce, 140, a newcomer. Benny floored his opponent twice before flattening him.

Jack Hannon Porter, fast rising light-heavyweight, scored his fifth kayo in a row by belting Leroy Bolden, Vallejo Negro, out in five rounds at National Hall. Bolden outfought his foe for the first two sessions, but after Porter unlimbered Bolden receipted for a terrific trouncing. The latter went down three times in the fifth and after the third time Referee Billy Burke gave the youthful Oaklander the win. Porter scaled 176, Bolden 166.

In the companion eight rounder, Al Ware, East Bay slugger, kayoed a very tired Doug Ellison, Oaklander, making a comeback, in the seventh round. Ware weighed 203, Ellison, 180. Ernie Woods, 166, finished Major Kagle, 164, in the first; Bill Simmons, 161, won over Major Reed, 162, in the second.

Chester Slider, hard-fighting Oaklander, won a ten-round decision over Genero Rojo, Los Angeles crowd pleaser, in the feature at the Oakland Auditorium. This was Chet's first match after enjoying a much needed rest. He belted across a one-sided win over his southern opponent, winning nine rounds, with one even. Referee Toby Irwin gave Slider 69-41 edge in points and with these margins Slider also added a nine-count knockdown in the seventh. The gate drew $6,300. Weights were Slider, 146; Rojo, 142¾.

The beef sure flew in the semi-final, Robert "Tiny" Lee, giant 270 pounder from the East, made his debut on the coast by slugging to a draw with Charley Johnson, 240, Los Angeles Negro. 510 pounds of men in one bout. Maybe a record? Both boys tried hard for a kayo in the opening two rounds, but were too exhausted to do any damage after the second. Ernie Woods, 165, knocked out Billy Simmons, 162, in one round; Bob Davis, 142, stopped Al Tucker, 150, in the second; Jimmy Simmons, 152, defeated Vepe Watson, 154, in four.

"Fancy Pants" Paul Rekayo, San Jose lightweight, won a decision over Frankie Moore, Oakland hard-hitter, in eight rounds at National Hall. Rekayo won handily, as Moore didn't seem interested in the bout and let Paul outbox him. Weights were Rekayo, 133; Moore, 137.

In another eight, Charley Catos, 156, stopped Pedro Jiminez, easily in five. Catos handed his foe a bad beating and his hard-hitting was the deciding factor.

Lee Coller, 154, did the strong act without success. He boxed twice on this evening, kayoing Al Tucker, in three rounds of the opener and returned after the Catos-Jiminez bout to be flattened by Henry Anderson, Navy Negro. Anderson threw one blow, landed one blow, and the fight was over. Short and sweet was Coller's second attempt in one evening.

In one of the most sensational boxing cards to be staged in these parts, five kayoes resulted in five bouts and only eight of the scheduled 30 rounds were seen. This card held at Oakland Auditorium, was sparked by three one-round kayoes and two other short contests. The show started little after 8:30 and by 9:30 o'clock the fans were going through exits and heading for home. The one hour of boxing, including intermissions! Now for the short, but sweet bouts.

In the main event, Al Ware, barrel-chested Oaklander, ruined the hopes of up-and-coming Pete Lakovich, Fresno kayo-artist, by flattening him in three rounds. In five Oakland bouts the Fresnoan had scored five early kayoes, but on this night he was excited and couldn't settle down. Lakovich punched Ware around in the opening session, but Al was swinging his roundhouse right-handers and Lakovich had to stay away from these blows or else! In the second, Pete more than held his own, but the Oaklander's wild swings were getting closer. In the third, Ware shook his foe's bridgework with a hard right and the latter threw himself at Ware's chest and "hung-on." However, they broke the clinch and Al clubbed him with a stinging left hook that floored him for the full count.

Weights: Ware, 207; Lakovich, 192.

In the semi-final, Jackie Burke, Tommy Cello's good-looking light-heavyweight, banged out a one-round kayo over Leroy Bolden of Vallejo. Burke, a fine boxer, but no slugger, surprised all by cooling a fair boy in Bolden. Jackie dropped him for nine, and then finished him off with a right to the jaw.

Other bouts—Silent Escobar, 174, Vallejo, Oakland, deaf-mute, making a comeback looked good kayoing Obie Wooten, 170, Vallejo, in two rounds. This was a tame, even round. But in the second, both were trying for a kayo. Wooten was ahead, when he was hit with a left hook followed by a right cross and Obie hit the deck. He tried hard to beat the count, but couldn't make it. After the fight, it was disclosed that Wooten chipped a bone in his right fist with the first punch thrown.

Tommy Groh, 179, Horace Mann's promising lad, scored an impressive kayo in the first over Joe Hudson, 203, with a hard right uppercut to the pit of the stomach. He floored Hudson for a nine count and finished him shortly afterward.

Benny Colla, 137, Vince Monzo's hard-hitting welter, landed his murderous punch and floored Emil Barao, a newcomer, five times before kayoing him on his sixth trip to the resin.

Paul Rekayo, fast stepping lightweight, was awarded an unpopular ten round duke over Frankie Moore, Oakland hard-hitter, in the main spot at National Hall. We think Referee Eddie James booted the duke on this night, for we had Moore ahead in seven out of the ten rounds. Moore put up a miserable showing the week previous, losing to the "Fancy Pants" kid, but this week he got back in good with Frisco fans by his fast action against Rekayo. At times Paulie would run away when Frankie started those heavy ones.

Weights were: Moore, 135; Rekayo, 133. Gate grossed $1,763.05.

Prelims: Doug Ellison, Oakland, 179, decisioned Wee Willie Williams, 178, in six hard-fought rounds. Ernie Woods, 168, stopped Johnny Roland, 166, in the first round. Joe Borjon, 128, stopped Chuckie Edwards, 128, in four rounds.

Tony Chavez, up-and-coming lightweight, banged out an eight-round decision over Billy Hayman, Los Angeles Negro, in the main-go at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Chavez floored his foe for a one count in the sixth round and won handily. He scaled 138, Hayman, 136.

In the semi-final, Robert "Tiny" Lee, 262 pound Eastern heavy, knocked Joe Hudson, 202, out in the first round. In a special four, Dick Lee, 148, no relation to Tiny, but a fast coming Florida welter, defeated Jimmy Simmons, 152, San Francisco. It was Simmons' first fight in several weeks and he looked a little rusty.

Ninth and tenth round rallies by Ray Salas, Berkeley lightweight, enabled him to even the series with Cleo Shans, Brawley Negro. For with these spurts went the edge and decision in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

In the semi-final, Charley Catos, 157, gave Jackie Cooper, 153, Los Angeles Negro, a terrific trouncing until Referee Jimmy Duffy stopped the bout in the second of a sixer.

Al Bertram, 150, a newcomer, won handily over Pedro Jiminez, 147, in six rounds. Bertram, a good crowd-pleaser, was held even for two rounds, but in the final four chapters he outfought Jiminez easily. In the opener, Benny Calla, 136½, went to a six-round draw with Tiger Burns, 137. Both scored knockdowns and both were on the verge of a knockout several times.

Alfred "Big Boy" Brown, 255 pound Detroit Negro, scored a ten-round decision over Dan Merritt, 202, Chicago Negro, in his debut on the coast at National Hall. Even though Brown won without a question, the bout was sluggish and unexciting. Big Boy will need another match before Frisco fans will take him really seriously. Merritt hit the deck four times and was staggered a dozen or more times. However, through most of the match the two Negroes wrestled each other and it took plenty of energy out of Referee Jimmy Duffy to pry them apart. House gross was $2278.

Prelims: Ernie Woods, 168, stopped Percy Butler, 171, star amateur light-heavyweight, in two rounds; Major Kagle, 160, decisioned Henry Christian, 168, in four rounds; Johnny Roland, 168, TKO'd Art Aguirre, 175, in one round.

Short Jabs: Tony Bosnich and Eddie Mullins, local heavyweight, who were doing fine before entering the service are now back in gym togs and training like mad for their return to the ring. . . . Both are now in civvies and will be ready to go soon. . . . Jackie Burke, Navy light-heavyweight, may have found himself. Burke looked very good flattening Leroy Bolden, and in that bout he showed something he lacked in his previous encounters, that was his ability to slug.

Tony Chavez, San Jose lightweight, is coming along fast as his recent win over Billy Hayman, of Los Angeles, proves. . . . Johnny Haynes, Los Angeles Negro heavyweight, looks like a much improved battler, flattening his last four opponents. Three of them in the first. . . . Ray Salas' recent win over Cleo Shans is enough proof to me that the Berkeley boy is ready for any and all the lightweights in the world. Though losing by a decision, Paulie Peters, Frisco middleweight, surprised the betting boys by staying ten rounds with Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles.

In the semi-final to that show, Jackie Ryan, local Irish lad, made his return to the ring after a short layoff, and held Jackie Byrd, the Arkansas Traveler, to a draw. . . . In a fourer, Jess Flores, unbeaten fast stepping Stockton lightweight, won over Wilfred Scott, a hard-hitter. . . . Tony Olivera, outstanding bantamweight of the world, claims Flores was the best prospect on the 6-bout card. . . . Harry Allbritton, Guido Giometti's prize battler, will be home on furlough soon. Allbritton is an outstanding prospect and when released from the Army, he'll return to the ring to keep his unbeaten record. From what his manager says, Harry has done all right in camp bouts. . . . George Tracy, Northern California heavy, was stopped in his first comeback bout at Portland during the month. Moose Kennedy, Portland favorite, was the winner, however, for five rounds, Tracy was holding more than his own, but in the sixth he received an injury and was halted. Georgie is now in the southland training and will soon be back in the ring. . . . Oakland Billy Smith, California state light-heavyweight champion, will swing back into action soon. . . . Shiek Rangel, Fresno welter, made his second comeback fight a success by stopping Cullen Cannon in five rounds at Fresno. The bout was halted when Cannon claimed a rib injury and couldn't continue. . . . Bobby Zander, Texas heavyweight, who is a sensation in these parts, has come up with a chipped bone that will keep him on the side-lines for a short while. It's a tough break for Zander, who was being lined up for some big fights on the coast. . . . Joe Gorman, Oakland lightweight, and Arturo Barron, Los Angeles, drew in three rounds at Ocean Park Arena a few weeks ago. Gorman had a slight edge in the bout, but suffered a cut eye and the referee stopped it and called it a draw.

Billy Harrison, local Negro welter, surprised everyone by topping Melvin Johnson, fast-stepping Los Angeles Negro, on a T.K.O. in nine at Ocean Park. For doing such a good job on Johnson he was awarded a main-event at the Olympic and this he lost on a close decision to Kid Filipino in ten. The address of this writer is Bob Valli, 1910 Mason St., San Francisco 11, Calif.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

KANSAS CITY'S outdoor amateur boxing season opened at the North Side American Youth Bowl, early last month. The program is sponsored by the Recreation division of the City Welfare Department and will comprise talent from the five Kansas City American Youth clubs maintained by the Recreation division headed by Les. L. Warren, commissioner.

The first of the weekly shows honored returned war veterans, including Terry Nolan, 1938 Golden Gloves middleweight champion, and National A. A. U. finalist; Larry Dugan, 1943 city Golden Gloves flyweight champion; Mike DiCapo, 1942 city Golden Gloves bantamweight champion; Levi Southall, 1942-'43 Golden Gloves champion and national Golden Gloves welterweight winner two years ago; Chester DaMore and Jimmy Messick.

Nolan, seaman first class, is one of the survivors of the *Longshaw* destroyer that was sent to the bottom by Jap shore guns off Southern Okinawa, May 18, and has returned home on a 30-day leave before being assigned to further duty. He has participated in five invasions operating with the Third fleet and Task Force 58.

Dugan, private first class, was reported killed in action last year but was instead taken prisoner at St. Vit, Belgium, and was liberated April 29. He was held prisoner at the site of the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Dugan lost in the Golden Gloves quarter finals here two years ago to Major Jones.

DiCapo has been in many invasions of Southwest Pacific areas and numerous decorations attest to Mike's valiant part. Southall's experiences have been in Europe, where he was in action when Germany surrendered. Messick, a former star featherweight here, is a warrant officer and was credited with especially heroic work in rescuing crew members of the Bunker Hill after that warship had been attacked by Japanese suicide bombers. Corporal DaMore is a veteran of eighteen months in Africa and Italy.

In one of the most thrilling fights witnessed in Midwest ring history, Major Jones, classy Golden Gloves' graduate of Kansas City, was given a newspaper decision over Willie Russell, talented Columbus, Ohio, lightweight, before a capacity crowd of 3,500 fistic fans who paid $4,736 to see the scrap in Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kans., July 17.

Jones, who was knocked out by the Ohioan in a Minneapolis ring recently, scored a terrific left-hand punch in the sixth and final round which almost had the young Columbus artist on the canvas, but the latter managed to weather the attack and scrapped his way out of it. There was plenty of action in every round of the heated battle between the two outstanding southpaws.

Both were good rugged fighters, willing mixers, fearless and each packing a terrific punch. Russell employed a weaving style attack similar to Henry Armstrong's, while Jones was content to glide around the ring to measure his opponent so he could cut loose with his powerful lefts. The results:

Ray Augustus, 172, Topeka, Kans., won from Jimmy Merritt, 175, St. Joseph, Mo., by a knockout in 1:47 of round 2.

Vert Gibson, 146, K. C., won from Tony Madison, 148, St. Joseph, by technical knockout in 2:35 of round 2.

Frank Rivera, 118, K. C., won from Paul Martinez, 120, Omaha, Neb., by knockout in 2:46 of round 4.

Howard Jackson, K. C., 118, won from Paul Martinez, 118, K. C., by technical knockout in 1:33 of round 2.

Duane Hoag, 122, Wichita, Kansas, fighter, knocked out Nick Kachardus, 120, Chicago, in the second round of their fight on an Oklahoma City card on July 17. Tommy Graham, 145, also of Wichita, dropped a four-round decision to Eddie Weller, 145, Anadarko, Okla.

Max Yeargain, Topeka sports promoter who recently graduated with high honors from the U.S. Navy Physical Instructor's Training School at Bainbridge, Md., has been assigned as an athletic instructor to Navy flyers at a Naval Air Station, Seattle.

Midwest Wrestling News:—Nelson Eddie Collins, young Topeka wrestler who is in Germany, expects to be home soon. A member of the 501 Parachute Infantry, Nelson was on every jump into combat in which his division participated, including the D-Day jump into France, also Alsace-Lorraine, Holland and Bastogne, Belgium.

Young Collins has been awarded the bronze star ribbon and medal, a purple heart with two clusters, four battle stars and one arrowhead for the D-Day jump, the Presidential citation with a cluster, being cited by the late President Roosevelt, twice.

Abe Yourist, the sensational Jewish heavyweight from Brooklyn, New York, is making the turnstiles click in Midwest arenas.

"Dynamite" Joe Cox, left St. Mary's Hospital, July 26, went to his home in Kansas City, after several weeks internment with pneumonia.

Ernie Dusek, rowdy Omaha wrestler, has been ill in St. Catherine's Hospital recently.

Among the headline favorites currently appearing in this section are: Jerry Meeker, Milwaukee rougher; Don McIntyre, former athletic instructor for three years in the Navy; Ray Eckert, Missouri giant; Orville Brown, MWA heavyweight champion; Gene Blackley, Houston, Texan; Billy Bartush, Portland gripster, and Otto Schnabel, one of the well known California family of grapplers.

Through an error, I remarked in last month's column that Evans was given the nod over Russell whereas the result was a victory for Russell.

News of ring events and contestants in this section is welcome. Address correspondent at: 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kansas.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

A BUMPER house saw Holman Williams easily defeat Johnny Green in ten rounds before the Hudson A.C. at Memorial auditorium on August 1. Williams, a very good middleweight, who knows all the tricks, won about seven rounds to Green's three. All three officials, judges Anse Carroll and Harry McCoy and Referee Lou Scozza were unanimous in awarding the verdict to Williams.

Mike Martyk, St. Catharine's slugger, made a sensational hit when he knocked out Luis Gonzalez of Mexico City in the second round of a scheduled six round bout. Mike punched like a trip-hammer and although Gonzalez put up a willing and game fight he was outpunched and finally stopped.

The knockout of big Gus Schlee in two rounds by the unknown Dave Patterson, Pittsburgh Negro, was chockful of action. Schlee had Patterson down in the first round, almost out. When the bell sounded for the second the boys started to slug it out. Suddenly Patterson got over a tremendous right hander on the point of Schlee's chin and Gus took a trip to slumberland.

In other bouts the rapidly improving Allen Faulkner, 150, stopped Eddie Travorsky, Chester, W. Va., 146, in three sessions. Stanley Stinson, Hamilton, Ont., 127, knocked out Rafael Rosales, Mexico, 121, in 2:52 of the second round.

Jack Singer is developing new faces for the fall and winter season. By taking chances and running often the peppery promoter will probably be rewarded with some swell gates during the regular season.

AROUND THE TOWN—It's been moving day for some of our local promoters. . . . Billy Mitchie, matchmaker of the Fairview A.C. has moved his offices to 356 Main Street. . . . Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan, wrestling promoters for the Great Lakes A.C., are now located at 268 Main Street on the ground floor. . . . Charlie Murray, as usual, keeps his office in his hat and Jack Singer is at the same old stamping grounds, Washing and North Division Streets. There is little likelihood of much activity re outdoor promotions. . . . Mickey McInnerny picked a tough one for young Gus Schlee when he matched the ex-Golden Glover with Dave Patterson, tall Pittsburgh Negro. . . . Gus was knocked out in the second round. . . . Tommy Moore, Jamestown promoter, expects to get going in the fall. . . . Moore's address is Box 864, Jamestown, N. Y. . . . The Fairview Club will stage a show on Sept. 4, if present plans do not go amiss. . . . Joe Netro may pair 'em up as Billy Mitchie is working on a big construction job. . . . Jack Singer's Hudson club will run just as often as Singer can get dates. . . . "The only way to develop drawing cards is to keep running," says Singer. . . . The big turnout in hot weather for the Holman Williams-Johnny Green setto proves Buffalo a topnotch boxing center. . . . The gross gate receipts were $7115. . . . About 4000 fans saw the show.

Bert Finch was ill at home and could not second Mike Martyk in the latter's match with the Mexican, Luis Gonzalez. . . . Bert is trying to match Martyk with Bernard Docusen, New Orleans Filipino for a headliner at Philadelphia.

Tommy Timlin, former mentor for Big Boy Brackey, is plugging hard for Tom Holling for mayor.

CAROLINA GLOVE GAB
By BILL McILWAIN

FRECK HUFFSTICKLER, Gastonia's oft-decorated ex-soldier who is being boomed as a foe for Camp Mackall's sensational Lee Croft, added another quick kayo to his string by icing Vern (Bull) Dawson in 1:44 of the second round. Huffstickler weighed 185, Dawson, 192.

It was the second straight bout in which the piano-legged Huffstickler pounded his opponent into submission in less than two heats. He had to come off the floor, however, to turn the trick against Dawson.

Dawson, using his longer reach to good advantage, dropped Huffstickler to the boards after 30 seconds of the opening rack. The bull-shouldered Gastonian climbed to his feet, only to have the well-built Dawson belt away with more damaging blows.

In the second round Huffstickler opened a gash on Dawson's nose with a hard right, and the end was in sight. Following with a sizzling left hook and another crushing right to the chin, hammering Huff administered the payoff blow. Huffstickler was not too impressive in stopping the rangy Coast Guardsman, but he did quell any doubts as to whether he could hit.

Lee Croft, boasting a streak of 12 straight wins as a pro, had his chain snapped here when the more experienced Johnny Denson of Indianapolis hung a TKO on him in 2:30 of the third round. Veteran Johnny simply possessed too much ring savvy for the young paratrooper.

Croft rocked the heavier Denson with a hard left hook in the second round, and it seemed momentarily that he was on his way to his 13th straight victory. Cagey Denson covered up and hung on. He was hurt and barely able to stand on wobbly legs. Croft was unable to follow up. All of his blows were stopped by Denson's gloves, elbows and shoulders.

Denson survived this siege and then staged an attack of his own. Bounding back he ripped Croft to the floor with a series of vicious blows that left him stretched on the floor when the gong sounded.

Croft was never the same after this barrage. In the third round Denson continued to unleash his stinging wallops. He slammed Croft canvasward for a nine-count, and then Referee Ralph Hood decided that the badly-beaten Croft had taken enough.

Promoters and matchmakers desiring topflight Southern talent, or boxers and managers interested in bookings in the Carolinas may contact this writer as follows: Bil McIlwain, *Charlotte Observer*, Charlotte, N. C.

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

BY the time this issue of THE RING reaches the readers, the outdoor fistic season would have been concluded and the boxing impresarios will be busily engaged in getting together the indoor fight cards. Locally there are three promoters with Herman Taylor, naturally enough, being the major domo of the mitt slinging art.

Taylor was the only promoter to stage outdoor cards. He not only ran regularly at the Arena Stadium, but he also managed to put on the hurricane Nick Moran-Bob Montgomery battle at Shibe Park. We will comment on this contest later on in our column. With the unusual weather conditions, with practically daily rain and Autumnlike coolness, the Number One Keystone State Promoter and the Number Two international purveyor of the manly art, ran cards that drew goodly crowds. With the profitable shows, Taylor also provided the customers with many unexpected thrillers they will long remember.

For the indoor season Taylor will continue at the helm at the Arena, with a seating capacity of more than 9,000. If a card presents itself which calls for a larger place, then Taylor will step into the massive Convention Hall, which seats over 14,000. Taylor's office address will remain the same, 907 Finance Building and his phone number is Spruce 0925. Pete Moran, his matchmaker, will continue to hold sway in the job which he has so capably filled for his boss for more years than he cares to admit.

Jimmy Toppi will concentrate mainly on operating the Met, which will seat about 7500 people. Only in cases where the Met will be occupied for any other purpose on a regularly scheduled fight night will Senor Toppi switch his scene of operations to the downtown Olympia Club, with a seating arrangement of about 2500. Toppi's office is at 252 S. Broad Street.

The last of our Philly promoters is Joe Wenke, who is bossman of the Cambria A.C., nationally known as the College of Hard Knocks. Wenke will stage his walloping bees each Friday night and if plans materialize, he expects to have the cream of talent for his patrons in the Northeast Section of the City. Wenke's office address is in the Shubert Building.

Nick Moran, Gus Wilson's Mexican welterweight, came here to take on our lightweight champion, Corporal Bob Montgomery, at Shibe Park, July 9. Moran, who had won a questionable decision over the boss of 135 pounders in Los Angeles several months previously, proved himself a real hardy individual, a gamester who could take whatever Monty dished out to him and even fight back in flashes. These rallies endeared him to the vast crowd at Herman Taylor's major outdoor promotion at Shibe Park, but it wasn't enough to win the award.

Moran displayed gameness and a willingness to mix it with the lightweight boss. But being game doesn't win fights, although he does impress with the way he can take a hammering. The California Clouter also found a big advantage in his favor when Montgomery entered the ring with a stitched upper lip, which was opened in training four days before the contest.

The judges disagreed. Judge Harry Lasky voted for Montgomery. Judge Leo Costello thought Moran won. Referee Charley Daggert ironed out the issue by voting for the lightweight king. In my opinion Montgomery won the fight and he got it.

One misdirected wallop in foul territory cost Gene Burton, of New York, a victory over Freddy Dawson, of Chicago. This low blow was taken from the Metropolitan mittman by the referee. That, along with a last round rally by his Windy City rival, snared away an award that should have gone to the dangerous Bill Duffy-Bill Miller lightweight.

Burton proved himself a dangerous menace for the lightweight wreath. In losing to Dawson, only though an accidental below the belt wallop, Gene also lost an opportunity to battle N.B.A. lightweight king, Ike Williams. But so wonderful was his showing that Promoter Herman Taylor has promised him several major shots during the 1945-1946 indoor season.

Results of fights staged here:

At Herman Taylor's Shibe Park—Lightweight Champion Corporal Bob Montgomery, 135½, of Philadelphia, decisioned Nick Moran, 140½, of Los Angeles, in ten rounds; Wesley Mouzon, 135, of Philadelphia, beat Dave Freeman, 141, also of Philadelphia, in ten rounds; Jackie Floyd, 125, of Philadelphia, conquered Baby Gonzales, 126½, of Los Angeles, in ten rounds; Santa Bucca, 135½, of Philadelphia, decisioned Archie Wilmer, 130, of Wilmington, in ten rounds.

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At Herman Taylor's Arena Stadium—Freddy Dawson, 135, of Chicago, won from Gene Burton, 138, of New York, in ten rounds; Johnny Wolgast, 121, and Paul Febbo, 121, both of Philadelphia, drew in eight rounds; Benny Jones, 154, of New York, knocked out Billy Boy Johnson, 155, of Chicago, in six rounds; Johnny Fry, 145, of Chester, knocked out Harry "Red" Schultz, 142, of Philadelphia, in four rounds; Henry Turner, 156½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Tommy Latch, 156½, of Philadelphia, in two rounds.

Our Crystal Ball Tells Us That:—The coming indoor season will be by far the best ever enjoyed by all promoters. With boys coming back, a number of seasoned fistmen will return to the ring wars and several finds will be uncovered. . . . Big Pete Perri, honorably discharged from Uncle Sam's Army after several years in the service, should make good as a manager of fighters. Mel Neary, uptown lightweight, who fought the best of them until he answered the call to arms, is a civilian again and has cast his lot as a warrior under the Perri Punch Banner. . . . Frankie Carto, Jack Puggy star, should rush to the fistic top before the year is over. He recently got his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps. . . . George Larover, another honorably discharged warrior, is going great guns for the popular manager, Rudy Gansky, Larover is now ready for big game and will take on any lightweight in the world. . . . The fistic firm of Tom Montgomery and Gene Buffalo will boast of the largest stable of glove slingers in the country. . . . Billy Arnold, the welterweight knockerout, will again crash the national headlines with his quick victories over the outstanding stars in the Nation. His kid brother, Jetson, a lightweight, will also go places within the hempen ropes now that he has turned pro after winning about every amateur crown that anyone can win.

A letter from Jimmy Marotta, a member of Uncle Sam's Coast Guard, brings us the sad tidings that Frankie Ciancio, a former National Champion and several times winner of the Diamond Belt in the flyweight division, has been reported missing in action.

While in service, Ciancio, who also was a member of the Coast Guard, engaged in and won all of his amateur duels in various duels around Virginia. Only for the fact that the missing flyweight sensation ran out of suitable competition were Virginia fans cheated out of seeing for themselves what a truly great ringman Frankie really was or is.

We thank Jimmy Marotta for his interest in Frankie Ciancio and we only hope that he will turn up and turn sadness into joy.

FIGHTERS ATTENTION:—The indoor season is at hand and if you have no managerial ties we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Regardless of weight, be sure to get in touch with us for contests here, which are sure to bring quick returns. Write us to Nat Frank, 209 S. 53rd St., Phila. 39, Pa.

WITH THE OLD-TIMERS—Charlie Ettinger, the former Allentown boxing promoter, is holding down an important political job in Harrisburg. . . . Ettinger ran boxing shows in the Queen City of the Valley for 27 consecutive years. . . . Jack McCarron, the late Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's celebrated $50,000 middleweight beauty, is a successful physiotherapy practitioner and still tips the Fairbanks at 170 pounds. . . . Richard J. Brader, ancient fight manager and now a tonsorialist, served with Buffalo Bill fighting Indians during his youth. . . . Supervisor Doc Nagy, of the Mack Mfg. Co., is really Kid Nagy, the former Bridgeport, Conn., light-heavyweight contender. . . . Young Firpo, the former welter-belter, who suffered a broken back in a fall a year ago, tends taps at Moose Lodge 129. . . . Ex-heavyweight Tony Yukonis is on the police force, while Bobby Williams, Jakey Max and Gunner Goddess are members of the bureau of fire. . . . The latter manages the American Legion baseball nine.

Eddie Shrugrue and Bugs Moran are employed at Neuweiler's brewery; Johnny Leonard is associated with the Whitehall Cement Co., and Fighting Bob Givler is a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. . . . Jack Brazzo, the erstwhile Hazleton lightweight, is a prosperous hotel owner in Choleraine, Pa. . . . Ike Myers, a World War I veteran, has a son, George, annihilating Japs in the South Pacific. . . . Julie Kogan, New Haven lightweight, who fought here a number of times, has joined localite Sal Burdo as a physical instructor at Sampson Naval Training Center. . . . Al Whilom, middleweight boxer and light-heavyweight wrestler, is a railroad hawkshaw at the North Philadelphia station. . . . Marty (Kid) Henry is recuperating at the shore after an extended illness. . . . Tom Callahan's son, Eddie, is back from a Nazi prison camp and recovering from leg wounds in the England General Hospital, Atlantic City.

Bobby Barrett's son, First Lieutenant Robert F. Barrett, Jr., who was a four-letter athlete at Springfield High School, has received the Bronze Medal for gallantry in action overseas. . . . As a fighter in the '20's, the Clifton Heights redhead was the biggest drawing card in this section of the country. . . . Harry Wagner is expanding his refreshment business in the northwestern part of the city. . . . Johnny Bell, the Darby Post Office clerk, was actually Johnny McFarland, of flyweight boxing fame, hereabouts several decades ago. . . . Willie Ferguson is now in China with the Navy. . . . Three familiar bylines disappeared from local sports pages since the last edition of THE RING, when death claimed Perry Lewis, popular *Inquirer* writer who called the turn on the first Tunney-Dempsey fight; Sid Mercer, New York baseball expert, and Jack Miley, who served as a Navy officer.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, IA.—Pfc. Albert Pahl, well known Sioux City lightweight fighter, has been returned to the States under the Army's furlough program after 37 months overseas. He was with the Army postal service and had been stationed on the Hawaiian Islands. Pfc. Pahl has been awarded the good conduct Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon. He entered the service March 11, 1942. In his hey-day, Pohl fought and held his own with some of the best lightweights and welterweights in the middlewest.

Newcastle, Neb.—Wayne Armstrong, former Sioux City Golden Gloves champion, is spending a furlough on his parents' farm near here. He is a physical training instructor in the Army. While in the service, Armstrong has been doing a great deal of professional fighting. In his last three starts he won them all by knockouts. He is considered the Texas champion by many of the experts, and has fought exhibition bouts with several top notch fighters, including Fritzie Zivic, veteran welterweight.

Mail Bag—From Bridgeport, Conn., comes word that Carmen Cook, former star lightweight from that section, has returned to the fistic sport, this time as a manager. Cook spent 11 years in the ring, from 1921 to 1932, and fought some of the best lightweights in the country. He has a large stable of fighters under his management, and is making plans for a tour of the middlewest in the near future. . . . From J. W. P., Sioux Falls, So. Dak. . . . Suggest you read over The Ring Book Shop, and I am certain you will find what you want. . . . R. F. D. Omaha, Nebr. . . . Thanks for your letter. . . . The record of this fighter you mention is correct, according to my records, and the records in Nat Fleischer's Record Book. . . . R. D. Spencer, Ia. Mickey Slater is now on the West Coast where he is working in a war plant. . . . Sgt. Ray Heling, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. . . . Thanks very much for your letter. . . . Things not so good right now, but after the war, this will be one of the best spots in the country. . . . Will write.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—From Spokane, Washington, comes word that Joseph Orr Pratt, executive director of Pratt Sports-Associated is seeking fighters of all weights, and wishes to book fighters throughout the middlewest. . . . Please mail your news for this spot to us by the sixth of each month, and mail same to 1900 Wall Street, Sioux City, Ia. . . . We appreciate all the swell letters we receive from the boys in the service, and we are doing our best to answer each one. . . . Remember to buy more war bonds and stamps. . . . See you next month.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

ON July 19, Larry Atkins and Bob Brickman presented the welterweight natural Cleveland boxing fans were eagerly awaiting. Jimmy Doyle, 147, of Los Angeles, was an upset victor over Tommy Bell, 144, of Youngstown. Bell started out like a house afire and won the first two rounds, but thereafter, he found difficulty in penetrating Doyle's excellent defense. Jimmy's clever blocking and superb physical condition were obviously responsible for his victory.

The bout was extremely close throughout the ten rounds, with many thinking Bell the winner because of his aggressiveness. A return match would be welcomed by the fans.

In the six round semi-final, Billy Eddy, 135, Flint, hit too hard for the ever dancing Vince Dell 'Orto, 132, N. Y., scoring four knockdowns.

In a return match Johnny Virgo, 137, Rochester, reversed the kayo victory scored over him by Rudy Zadel, 140, Barberton. He put Rudy away in the fifth after a tough tussle.

Burl Charity, 149, Youngstown, looked good kayoing Southpaw Tony De Carlo, 150, Rochester, in the fourth frame.

Chuck Lloyd, 132, outpointed Juan Emanuel, 128, in a pleasing six.

In the opener, Earl Mook, 180, Akron, kayoed young Tommy Walsh, 180, Chicago.

Leroy Jackson, local favorite, making his first start after his recent illness, gave Angel Aviles, of New York, a terrific licking at Dayton, Ohio. Leroy made a tremendous hit with his aggressive style.

TEX-HOMA NEWS
By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY—Butch Gose won over Dub Walker, 3. Both weighed 140 pounds. Don Short knocked out Gene Hulse, 2; lightweights. Charles Murdock knocked out Robert Christison, 2; lightweights. Bob Arthur knocked out Bill Patton, 3; lightweights.

In a bout between 79-pounders Merle Vermillion and Don Pollock, fought to a draw. Jack Field decisioned Joe Martin in the 100 pound class.

Camp Maxey, Texas—John Gorman, D-85, and George McDonald, C-97, boxed a three round draw. Johnny Abbitt, B-97, won over Bob Thompson, C-89, 3; lightweights. Leonard Duncan, A-97, knocked out Freddie Hill, C-90, in 43 seconds of the first round. The other KO took all of a minute and 40 seconds, when Bob Smith, B-97, knocked out Jim Swisher, C-90, first round.

"Denver Dave" Dittman, D-89, won over Walter Schwab, 3. Spencer Budd, C-97, won over Walter Schueman, D-89, 3. Alvin Millikan, D-97, won over Bob Sanders, C-89, 3. Roz Sedgeman, B-96, won over Jesus Benavides, 3. Referees were Pfc. Jack Kagan and Seaman 2-C Norman Gibson. Timekeeper was S/Sgt. Wilson Ramage. Judges: Lt. Col. Gustav P. Olson, Lt. Col. Robert G. Haines, Major William F. Lockwood and 1st Lt. David B. Jacobs.

Oklahoma City—Ben Evans, Oklahoma City welterweight, decisioned Billy Dug, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the 12 round main event of Promoter Claire Gans' boxing card. Evans, who won a close ten round decision when the pair met in May, weighed in at 147, Dug at 145. Results in preliminary bouts were:

Leon Ford, Negro, 210, Norman, Navy, TKO'ed Paul Wyatt, Negro, 228, Oklahoma City Coast Guard on leave. It ended when Ford sliced Wyatt's left eye in the sixth round and his seconds tossed in the towel at the end of the frame; Howard Carr, 141, Oklahoma City, decisioned Louis Angel, 144, San Antonio, Tex., 6; Johnny Riley, 158, Oklahoma City, knocked out Ray Dill, 160, Sapulpa, Okla., 2.

Paris, Texas—Camp Maxey boxers put on a fine show at the downtown USO club. About 1000 fight fans went away well pleased. Results of bouts:

Pvt. David K. Hema won over Pvt. Frank Gonjales, 3, decision. Tec. 4 Russell Bryant, knocked out Pvt. James Zogas, 1. Pvt Edward Gottlin, won over Pvt. Jack McIntyre, 3, decision. Pvt. Al Meyers and Pvt. Don Nearing boxed a 3 round draw. Pvt. Bill Saunders won over Pvt. Jimmie Moake, 3, decision. Pvt. Mort Walsh and Pvt. Earnest Orrwig boxed a 3 round draw. Pvt. Leonard D. Duncan won over Pvt. Phil Cordova, 3, decision. Pvt. Stanley J. Komanicki won over Pvt. Sigmund Lypeck, 3, decision.

Oklahoma City—Proctor Heinold, 127, Oklahoma City, knocked out Frankie Martinez, 127, San Antonio, Texas, 5.

Howard Carr, 143, Oklahoma City, knocked out Francisco Garcia, 145, San Antonio, second round.

Duane Hoag, 122, Wichita, Kans., knocked out Nick Kachardus, 120, Chicago, 2.

Johnny Riley, 158, Oklahoma City, knocked out Jesse Gomez, San Antonio, 2.

Eddie Weller, 145, Anadarko, Okla., decisioned Tommy Graham, 144, Wichita, Kans., 4.

L. C. Riley, 145, Oklahoma City, knocked out Cecil Reece, 135, Oklahoma City, 4.

Paris, Texas, Camp Maxey USO—Johnny Brenda, 157, Philadelphia., knocked out "Tex" Ritter, 155, from Wisconsin, 3.

Isaac Joshua, 168, Hawaii, decisioned Allen Isaacs, 164, Hawaii, 3.

Harry Steinson, 170, Des Moines, Iowa, decisioned Robert Wach, 170, Sutton, Nebr., 3.

Leonard Duncan, 165, Waco, Texas, decisioned Harry Hoo, 163, Hawaii, 3.

Louis Orben, 170, Cleveland, Ohio, won over Walter Paulo, 173, Hawaii, 3.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Butch Gose knocked out Chris Caporal, 3; both 140-pounders. Harry Ratliff, 160, TKO'ed Al Newton, 155, 2. Leon Elliott, 120, and Hugh Headlee, 121, draw, 3. Bob Arthur, 138, TKO'ed Wade Staggs, 135, 3. Herschel Acton, 135, decisioned Jack Ester, 134, 3. John Rice, 129, decisioned John McAuliffe, 123, 3. Jimmie Peterson, 105, decisioned Tom Field, 109, 3.

Will appreciate any news. My address is 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas.

PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES
By JACK McCALLUM

PORTLAND and Spokane, Wash., were the only cities in the Pacific Northwest to hold boxing shows during the month of July.

At Spokane—Bobby Zander, 181, defeated Ted Lowry, 183, ten rounds. A nine count knockdown by Zander won the decision for him. Zander broke his right hand in delivering the knockdown punch. In the semi-final, Frankie Gimble, 160, knocked out Al Williams, 166, in the third round.

At Spokane—"Tiger" Jack Fox, 183, made another comeback after getting knocked out by Bobby Zander last month. Fox won a ten round decision over Ted Lowry, 183. The referee and judges called it a draw, but Boxing Commissioner Francis, after scanning the three score cards, changed the decision to Fox the winner. This caused quite a rumpus, as quite a bit of money was wagered on the result. Actually, the ancient warrior was an easy winner, taking eight of the ten rounds from Lowry, in a clowning, listless bout.

"Moose" Kennedy, 197, Negro socker, knocked out George Tracey, 194, of San Francisco, in the fifth round at Portland. Tracey made a swell scrap, carrying the fight to the big Negro all the way, but was unlucky to run into Kennedy's terrific right hand punch which floored him. Tracey resumed the perpendicular, but was helpless and reeling when Referee Ralph Gruman stopped it and raised Kennedy's hand.

At Portland—Roy Miller, 165, young Kansas City Negro, won two fights here during July, easily defeating Leo Turner in ten rounds and scoring a thrilling one-punch, third round knockout over Ray Acosta, of Los Angeles. Joe Waterman is trying to sign Fitzie Fitzpatrick to fight Miller in Portland. "Snooks" Lacey, 129, looked very good in winning from Cal Robinson, 129, in the eight-round semi-final to the Roy Miller-Ray Acosta fight.

Ralph Gruman, old time lightweight boxer, who fought Willie Ritchie and other good ones in his day, is the regular referee in Portland. . . . Gruman keeps no point system and has no help from judges. He gives the decision at the end of the fight like the old time referees did and Portland has less trouble with the referee and decision question than any other boxing city in the country. . . . Joe Kahut is in training again, following a layoff due to a broken hand sustained when he knocked out "Moose" Kennedy in May. . . . The three Kahut brothers, of Woodburn, Oregon, are all still in the service.

BOXING IN FRANCE AT DELTA BASE
By S/SGT. BILL BARANOFF

MARSEILLE, FRANCE—Before a crowd that would make the walls of Madison Square Garden bulge, Little Al "Tiger" Weems, 135, of Chicago, pounded out a unanimous decision over the favored Floriant Desmarais, 135½, Manchester, N. H., Allied Lightweight Champion, in a rough, hard fought bout in the John L. Sullivan Ring in the St. Victoret Staging Area. So bitter was the rivalry between the pair, that it was necessary for the handlers to jump into the ring and pry them apart after the bell sounded at the end of the second round. Desmarais had decisioned Weems in their previous meeting at Nice several weeks ago, but there was no doubt about Weems' superiority here in the return engagement.

In the semi-windup, Big Bob Brown, 197, Los Angeles, Calif., was declared the victor on a TKO over Otho Carrington, 202½, in 50 seconds of the first round when Carrington claimed he injured his hand and refused to continue.

Johnny Phelps, 136½, Cleveland, Ohio, scored a big upset over highly touted Earl Syas, 138, Sacramento, Calif., by decisively winning the decision. Phelps had Syas down for a three count in the second.

Through a misunderstanding which nobody seemed to be able to clarify, the award was given to Jimmy Dare, 129, Baltimore, Md., after he had absorbed a thorough lacing from little Jimmy Brown, 125, also from Baltimore. The judges claimed they made a mistake on the names, but the decision stuck.

Sam Commedo, 142, Phila., Pa., outboxed and outpunched hard belting James Martindale, 146, Jackson, Tenn., to score an upset.

Henry Lee, 170, Patterson, La., kept his winning streak intact at the expense of Percy Thomas, 167, New York, via a close decision.

Colossian Caldwell, 144, Austin, Tex., had trouble finding the range against pudgy Charley Knight, 146, New York, and was content to settle for a popular draw.

Bill Carter, 168, Nashville, Tenn., and Harry Yates, 165, Norfolk, Va., took turns at staggering each other throughout three exciting rounds. Yates copped the duke.

Douglas Bowles, 128½, Portland, Me., landed a hard right hand uppercut well below the "Mason-Dixon Line" in his bout with Bill Arthur, 129, Chicago, Ill., and Arthur sank to the canvas in pain. The punch, being unintentional, caused the judges to declare the bout "no contest" when it was evident that Arthur could not continue.

Ralph Pizzuto, 169, New Orleans, La., weathered a rough first round to come back and score a clean KO over John Turner, 165, Cleveland, Ohio. Pizzuto had to floor Turner twice to make him stay down. Time: 54 seconds of the second round.

The show was presented by the combined boxing departments of St. Victoret and Delta Base Special Service Sections with Mike Primak and Bill Baranoff at the promotional and matchmaking helms. Lt. Barney Emil, leading referee here, handled the bouts. Lt. Ruppenthal and Lt. Hoffman judged the bouts.

BOXING IN TOLEDO

THE ONYX CLUB presented another pleasing card at the Civic Auditorium on the July 17th card. Charles Riley, St. Louis featherweight, and Eddie Taylor, Detroit light-heavy, were victors in the two ten-rounders that topped the card. The capacity house was well-satisfied with the show.

Riley was much too strong for Jorge Robles in the top ten. Robles tried hard, and did succeed in making a very good fight of it, and received a good hand from the customers. Even when the fight was hopelessly lost, the little Mexican was in there trying, punching away with both hands and giving a great show.

Ed Taylor, vetefan Detroiter, stopped Mel Workman, South Bend youngster in the third of a scheduled ten. Workman's ribs were fractured by a hard left hook in the second.

Babe Saunders of Los Angeles beat Johnny Hart of Detroit in a listless six-round affair. The boys were middleweights. In the eight-round semi-final, Al Reiss a rough tough, and wild 170-pounder from Detroit, stopped Johnny Clements of Milwaukee in the third. It was a slam-bang battle, with Reiss on the floor in the second and standing in his corner dazed, with his hands down at the bell. He came back strong in the third and floored Clements for a nine-count before dropping him for the fatal ten with a left uppercut to the body. This Reiss is a real crowd-pleaser.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By HARRY MARKSON

IT used to be that major boxing in New York City during the summer time consisted of one or two heavyweight bouts at the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds. The war has changed all that, of course, and there has been no ball park ring contest since Joe Louis blasted Cosmic-Punch Lou Nova into submission in six rounds at the Polo Grounds four years ago this September. In the days before the war there had been some attempts to stage summer boxing indoors but these were not generally successful. Back in 1937, James J. Johnston, then promoting boxing for Madison Square Garden, operated throughout the summer but these were known as "40-cent shows" and $8,000 was considered a terrific gate.

Promoter Mike Jacobs tried it too, but not as a regular weekly arrangement. He'd run a few fights in June, one or two in July, perhaps another one in August, meanwhile waiting impatiently for the hot weather to end and the fall-winter season to begin. Sometimes these shows were successful. Sometimes they weren't. Rarely was there an event that could be labeled a "big money" contest. Average receipts were generally something under $20,000.

Take the summer of 1944, for example. Early in June of that year Tippy Larkin and Freddie Archer grossed only $19,834. The one big match of the season brought together Henry Armstrong and Al Davis and they drew $58,822. But then came Ike Williams and Cleo Shans, who drew $14,292; Williams and Julie Kogon who drew $18,341; Lee Q. Murray and Turkey Thompson who were low for the year with $11,408; Jimmy McDaniels and Aaron Perry who grossed $12,554; and McDaniels and Ralph Zannelli who attracted $17,111. Thus, only one fight all that summer, Armstrong-Davis, drew big money.

Something new was added this past summer, however, and there are those who will tell you that that something consisted of an air-conditioning system at the Garden. Others insist it was the ample supply of money floating around. Whatever it was, the fact remains that never before in ring history was an indoor boxing season during the hot weather months so prosperous. Never before did the Garden stage shows every week throughout the summer. Never before did the general run of ring performers find the hot weather season so profitable.

Contrast this summer with the one preceding it. In the very first fight staged at the Garden after the departure of the circus, Rocky Graziano and Al Davis attracted $75,861. That was followed by a "low" of $28,606, drawn by Tami Mauriello and Steve Dudas. On June 8, Willie Joyce and Ike Williams drew $53,016; on June 15, Ray Robinson and Jimmy McDaniels boxed before a crowd which paid $48,490; on June 22, Harold Green and Fritzie Zivic drew $34,319; on June 29, Graziano and Freddie (Red) Cochrane drew $72,225; on July 6, Jacob LaMotta and Tommy Bell attracted $24,153; a week later Joyce and Bobby Ruffin brought $52,414 into the Garden; on July 20, Johnny Greco and Tony Janiro hit the jackpot with $69,175; and the last Friday of July saw an "all-star" show which drew $33,143.

It is important to bear in mind that some of these events were frankly experimental. Tommy Bell, for instance, had never before appeared in New York and was comparatively unknown to New York fans. Tony Janiro had never before boxed a Garden main event nor had any of the principals in the "all-star" show who were: Sal Bartolo and Freddie Russo, Abel Cestac and John Thomas.

Here, then, were ten shows staged during the hottest part of the summer and attracting close to a half million dollars through the Garden turnstiles. That meant an average of just under $50,000 a show, a figure unprecedented in the history of boxing in New York or anywhere else. And the season was profitable for other reasons, too, particularly in that it helped establish certain fighters as headliners. Among these were Tony Janiro and Tommy Bell, both of whom come from Youngstown, Ohio, both of whom happened to lose in their main event debuts yet managed to prove impressive enough to warrant return engagements.

But while the summer was especially good insofar as Garden boxing is concerned, the same cannot be said for the several small clubs which operate in the metropolitan area. The Queensboro Arena, MacArthur Stadium, Fort Hamilton Arena, and the recently opened Sterling Oval in the Bronx—all were hampered considerably by the unusually wet weather. The month of July in New York was the rainiest in many years and time and again the boxing clubs were forced either to postpone or to cancel their programs. This, of course, is where the Garden had a big advantage because, as Francis Albertanti used to say when he handled public relations at the Eighth Avenue arena, "It never rains in the Garden."

On those nights when the smaller clubs managed to run, their gross receipts were entirely satisfactory, and often reached as high as $8,000. This was especially true of the Queensboro Arena which staged many fine matches. Carrying on the good work he turned in during his first season at the Ridgewood Grove last winter, Matchmaker Moe Fleischer did an excellent job at the Queensboro in the face of dismal weather handicaps.

RING AROUND THE RESIN—The reversal of the decision in the ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden between John Thomas and Abel Cestac, first awarded to Cestac and then to Thomas, had boxing men recalling previous such incidents. . . . By a coincidence a similar situation occurred ten years ago at the Garden and on that occasion, too, Max Waxman, who handled Cestac, also managed one of the principals. . . . The 1935 incident came in a bout between Vince Dundee and Babe Risko. . . . The late Joe Humphreys was then the Garden announcer. . . . After first calling out Dundee as the winner, a recheck of the ballots by Gen. John J. Phelan, then Commission chairman, indicated that a mistake had been made. . . . Whereupon Humphreys was obliged to announce the correction—after the two fighters had reached their dressing rooms. . . . Waxman was the manager of Dundee. . . . He was indignant then, too, but not nearly so much as he was after Cestac-Thomas, when he threatened to send his lawyers after the Commission.

Bob Montgomery, lightweight champ as recognized by New York, had a narrow escape from serious injury while driving back to Philadelphia from New York. . . . Montgomery, a corporal in the Army, was on furlough and had attended a boxing show at the Garden. . . . En route home with his wife and Bobby Smith, another boxer, the car hit a rock and turned over several times. . . . Fortunately, none of the occupants of the car was badly hurt. . . . Monty Pignatore, Brooklyn lightweight who boxed with considerable frequency at the Garden and other clubs in the metropolitan area during the past eighteen months, has announced his retirement from the ring. . . . Max Baer, former world heavyweight champion who has been in the Army the past few years, has been given a medical discharge. . . . The Associated Press boxing writer, Sid Feder, has returned to New York after 18 months of covering the war front in Italy.

Sgt. Joe Louis missed out by one stroke in trying to qualify at the Invitational golf tournament held in Detroit. . . . According to Sgt. Ruby Goldstein, who accompanied Louis on an Army trip to Alaska recently, Louis carried a golf driver with him all the way up and back, practicing his swing and leaving a trail of broken electric light bulbs between New York and Alaska. . . . Lt. Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York Athletic Commission, will head the Sports Events and Benefits Committee of the New York National War Fund campaign during 1945. . . . Returning from a U.S.O. tour of the China-India-Burma zone, Henry Armstrong reported that he had invented a "new punch," known as the Paralyzer. Henry has retired from active participation in boxing and hereafter will manage fighters.

Following his one-round kayo at the hands of Tami Mauriello in Boston, Lou Nova decided to forget boxing, at least for a while, to concentrate on a theatrical career. . . . He signed up with a stock company near Boston. . . . Nova, you'll remember, was once known as the Alameda Adonis. . . . George Winn, New York fight manager, has been appointed Eastern representative for seven New Orleans boxers, best known of whom is Bernard Docusen, crack 135-pounder. . . . Louis Rousse, middleweight, and Augie LaPara, featherweight, are already campaigning in New York. . . . The others, Eddie Gettys, middleweight; Pat Saia, welterweight; Maxie Docusen, featherweight; and George Muria, featherweight, are due in New York in the fall, though Maxie Docusen, younger brother of Bernie, may have to delay his New York appearances for quite a while. . . . He is not yet 17.

Now a star in Hollywood, Freddie Steele, once the world middleweight champion, visited New York in connection with the opening of his new movie which is based on the life of the late Ernie Pyle. . . . Steele attended the Tippy Larkin-Willie Joyce bout at the Garden and got a nice hand from the crowd when he was introduced. . . . Word from Los Angeles is that Al Hoosman, Australian heavyweight who was recently mustered out of the Army after three years of service, has begun training in preparation for a return to the ring. . . . The upset victory which Jersey Joe Wolcott scored over Joe Baksi in Camden, N. J., was a subject of discussion along Jacobs Beach for two days. . . . Sam Silverman, New England sports promoter who operates a string of clubs throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, has taken over the Callahan A.C. in Boston from Eddie Mack. . . . Silverman's club in Worcester, Mass., now operates 52 weeks a year.

Chalky Wright, former world featherweight champion and still a winning performer as a lightweight, is now under the management of Jack Blumen. . . . Another former champion, Ken Overlin, who held the title at 160 pounds, is now operating a tavern with success near San Francisco, Calif. . . . An amusing incident occurred at an amateur boxing show in Paterson, N. J. . . . Held outdoors, the show was progressing smoothly when suddenly there came a shriek from the back of the Arena and many of the customers left their seats in a hurry. . . . It seems that the floods which had hit that part of New Jersey during July had driven many skunks out of the hills around Paterson and a few of them wound up at the Paterson fight club. . . . "And just think," said Abe J. Greene, president of the N.B.A., "they came in without tickets."

The time is soon coming when we may have difficulty in pronouncing the names of potential international boxing champions and Harry Balough, the Garden's announcer, may find himself stymied. The reason? Russia is going in big for boxing. Thousands of its soldiers are engaging in tournaments that are being held all over the Republic. 20,000 boxers are registered in the U.S.S.R. and in Moscow, alone, boxing is taught by competent instructors in eighteen boys' clubs sponsored by the government.

A few weeks ago the national tournament was begun after many weeks of sectional fighting and here are the title holders who will defend their laurels this month: Fly, Segalovich; bantam, Avdeyev; feather, Pushkin; light, Geogaslidze; middle, Scherbakov; catch, Ogurenkov; light-heavy, Stepanov; heavy, Novosardov.

And now for the month's fights in New York City.

Boxing history at Madison Square Garden has rarely, if ever, been marked by so much confusion as that which followed the ten-round meeting of Abel Cestac, huge Argentine heavyweight, and John Thomas, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The contest had been billed as the semi-final to a ten-rounder in which Sal Bartolo, N.B.A. featherweight champion, defeated the hitherto undefeated Freddie Russo, of Rahway, N. J., for Cestac, the meeting with Thomas represented his first appearance in the United States and was eagerly awaited since Cestac was sent here by Luis Angel Firpo to be managed by Firpo's old playmate, Jack Dempsey.

Two verdicts were announced at the conclusion of the Cestac-Thomas encounter. Immediately after the match, Harry Balogh announced the vote as follows: Referee Lou Magnolia cast seven rounds for Cestac, three for Thomas. That set up a vast chorus of booing, but Balogh continued with the other ballots. Frank Forbes, one of the judges, had it six for Thomas and four for Cestac, while Jack Gordon, the other judge, gave each man five rounds but had Cestac in front, six to five, on points, and therefore voted for Cestac.

Balogh had had some difficulty reading Magnolia's card and had gone back to him for a recheck before calling out the vote. Then, after having given the decision to the audience, Balogh was told by Magnolia that an

error had been made. Magnolia, it seems, had meant to vote for Thomas, but had mistaken Thomas for Cestac, though one is Negro and Cestac is white. By this time a short-wave broadcast to South America had already told of the original decision and Cestac had been brought to the microphone to tell his South American friends how nice it was to win in his North American debut.

As for Thomas, he was already on his way to his dressingroom. But he was called back by his seconds, in time to hear Balogh announce that a mistake had occurred and that Magnolia's card really should have had Thomas the winner. That stopped the chorus of booing but it caused great confusion around the ringside, especially since the South American broadcast had by that time gone off the air. Lt. Col. Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, started examining the slips as turned in by the officials and was told by Magnolia that he had "confused the identity" of the fighters. It was hard to understand how anyone could confuse a Negro fighter weighing 183 pounds with a white fighter weighing 221¾ pounds, but that's what Magnolia said.

In gaining his victory Thomas was, naturally, the big favorite with the spectators because of the tremendous difference in size of the two men. This RING reporter thought Cestac had a little the better of things, scoring a knockdown in the second and two in the fifth. Thomas got up each time, however, before a count could be started. Cestac showed himself to be a crude and awkward performer but he did not disgrace himself. He is definitely lacking in experience and does not seem to know how to take full advantage of his weight. During the early part of the bout his punches packed a lot more power than they did as the fight wore on and he did considerable missing. But he is a determined and willing fighter and, if he shows improvement, may yet prove a dangerous foe for our leading heavyweights. His boxing activities in the states are being looked after by Dempsey's business associate, Max Waxman, since Dempsey is still busy with his Coast Guard duties and is now in the Pacific.

The Bartolo-Russo bout, coming after all the excitement of Cestac-Thomas, was sort of an anti-climax. The N.B.A. featherweight champion, vastly more experienced than Russo, won decisively but the contest was devoid of thrills and the customers expressed their displeasure in no uncertain terms. The contest wasn't helped any by the tactics of Referee Ted Martin who applied far too much force in breaking the little fighters, seizing them violently by the arms to separate them or jumping in between them to push them apart. Bartolo's title claim was not at stake. He weighed 127¼ to Russo's 128½. The defeat was the first for Russo in 52 contests as a professional. He had previously won 49 and drawn in two.

A crowd of 10,907 who paid $33,143 saw the show. In one of the six-round preliminaries, Steve Curley, 130, Toronto, outpointed a fellow Canadian, Lou Alter, 123¾, Montreal. A blistering six-rounder between Lou Valles, 148½, Harlem, and Johnny Eaton, 154¼, Detroit, was won by Valles after he had survived an early battering to come back with a grand rally in the closing sessions. In a four-rounder, Tony Del Gatto, 152½, Brooklyn, defeated Freddie Lott, 157½, Newark. Only knockout on the program was scored by Billy Hurd, 135½, Newark, who stopped Leon Johnson, 133¼, Harlem, in 1:11 of the first round of a scheduled four. In the final contest of the evening, Irving Magic, 127, Bronx, outpointed Louis Suliveres, 131¾, Harlem.

Displaying even better form than he did in defeating Bobby Ruffin a few weeks earlier, Freddie Archer, Newark welterweight, found the going easy in what was scheduled as a ten-round event with Vic Pignataro, of the Bronx, at Sterling Oval. Archer needed less than three rounds to dispose of the Bronxite, the finish coming in 2:23 of that heat. Halfway through the third stanza, Archer deposited Pignataro on the canvas with a well-timed left hook. Vic seemed through for the night but he scrambled to his feet just before the final count and tried to continue. Archer threw a barrage of blows that left Pignataro helpless on the ropes, whereupon Referee Anthony Mealfe stopped the contest. Archer enjoyed a six-pound weight advantage, coming in at 145.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by the crowd with the decision given in favor of Jackie Leamus, 135½, Harlem, over Pat Scanlon, 139, Ozone Park, L. I. The referee voted for Scanlon seven rounds to one, but the two judges, Jimmy Reilly and Leach Cross, cast their votes for Leamus. Al Mobley, 142, Newark, eked out a verdict over Vic Costa, 141, Bronx, in a six-rounder that was easily the best fight of the night.

Eddie Murphy, 134½, Bronx, recently graduated from the ranks of the amateurs, showed highly commendable form in knocking out Jesse Watson, 136, Philadelphia, in 51 seconds of the third round. Don Scanlon, younger brother of Pat, was outpointed by Wendell Douglas, 115½, Harlem, in the four-round opener. Gate receipts for this second Sterling Oval offering were $3,700.

Before one of the largest crowds of the season at the Queensboro Arena, Tony Pellone, 138, New York, bested Charley (Lulu) Costantino, 135½, New York, in ten rounds. More than 5,000 spectators who paid approximately $8,000, saw Pellone hammer his way to a decisive triumph, taking eight rounds on Referee George Walsh's score card to Costantino's two. The two judges also found it in Pellone's favor, Marty Monroe casting six votes for Tony to four for Lulu, and Joe Ryder having it six for Pellone, one for Costantino, and three even. In only one round, the fourth, did Costantino appear to display his best form. But he wasn't able to keep that work up against the hard-charging Pellone.

The semi-final of six rounds was a hard-fought event in which Lou Valles, 146½, New York, defeated Antonio Carmona, 146, Puerto Rico. In another six, Steve D'Apoli, 141, New York, outpointed Marcel Fournier, 139, Montreal. Only knockout on the evening's program was registered by Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 126, Harlem, who scored his third such victory within a week by belting out Louis Rivera, 124½, Puerto Rico, in 2:27 of the fourth round of a scheduled six. The four-round opener, between Vincent Gigante, 171, New York, and Teddy Brown, 171, Garfield, N. J., was won by Gigante.

On and on goes Chalky Wright, the former featherweight champion whose age is a deep mystery. No one knows how old he is but Chalky goes right on winning fights. Appearing in the main event at MacArthur Stadium, Wright seemed to be having a bit of trouble with Henry Jordon, of Philadelphia, for several rounds but then he went to town. A mighty hook to the body finished off Jordon in 2.47 of sixth session. At 133 pounds, Wright, who is of course no longer a featherweight, gave away eight pounds.

A knockout also marked the semi-final. Ruby Kessler, 135½, Coney Island, did the knocking out and his victim was Jackie Savino, 130, Jamaica, L. I. Kessler needed only 2:08 of the first round to dispose of Savino, a right hand doing the trick. Jimmy Taylor, 156, Garfield, N. J., outpointed Lew Perez, 154, Puerto Rico, in six rounds; and in another bout over this distance, Bobby Cummings, 142½, Brooklyn, defeated Steve Bilko, 144, Sayreville, N. J. A four-round bout between Joe Rickard, 165, Jamaica, and High Murphy, 160, Brooklyn, was won by Rickard.

Although he started off well and more than held his own for the first few rounds, Davey Feld, of Brooklyn, could not continue his good work and fell a victim to a knockout at the hands of Georgie Kochan, of Akron, Ohio, in a feature bout at the Fort Hamilton Arena. Kochan really got going in the fourth round, wore Feld down, and had him so groggy in the fifth that Referee Young Otto stopped the contest. The time was 1:45. Kochan weighed 172 pounds, five more than Feld. A crowd of close to 5,000 saw the show, receipts totalling $7,077.

The semi-final also ended short of the distance, with Leon Johnson, 133½, Harlem, winning from Billy Hurd, 135, Bronx, in 1:55 of the second. This was an exact reversal of their match several days earlier at Madison Square Garden, on which occasion it was Hurd who won by a kayo. Other six-rounders on the Fort Hamilton program saw Filebuto Osorio, 124, Puerto Rico, the winner over Benny Mays, 128, Harlem, on a decision; and Billy Walker, 161, New York, defeating Johnny Taylor, 164, Garfield, N. J., also on a decision. In the scheduled four-rounders, Patsy Zoccano, 138, Montreal, knocked out Jack Monroe, 137, Brooklyn, in 1:07 of the second; and Clarence Wilkinson, 157, Harlem, outpointed Sam Barodi, 153½, Akron, Ohio.

It often happens in boxing—that a fighter can lose a decision and still emerge from that losing fight with greatly enhanced prestige. Such was the case with Tony Janiro, youthful Youngstown, Ohio, welterweight, who dropped an eight-round verdict to Johnny Greco, of Montreal, in a feature match at Madison Square Garden. Consider the circumstances: Here was Janiro making his first appearance in a Garden main event. True, he had a splendid record of 39 victories in 40 bouts but never had he been up against so experienced, so hard-hitting an opponent as Greco. Many boxing writers felt (and wrote as much) that Frankie Jacobs, Janiro's manager, was making a mistake in signing the baby-faced Tony to meet so formidable a foe as the Canadian. All these things must have been on Janiro's mind as he answered the bell for the first round.

But Janiro came through his acid test in grand fashion. He took Greco's hardest wallops and shook off the effects with a speed that surprised the spectators and confounded Greco. Only in the final round, when Greco landed a solid right hand flush on Janiro's jaw, did Tony seem to sag under the force of the blow. But he never left his feet. The Ohio youngster gave a masterful exhibition of counter-punching and used a stinging left jab and hard right uppercut to splendid advantage. Greco was the aggressor throughout but Janiro made him miss time and again with looping rights and with left hooks that seemed to have "knockout" written all over them. The action was hard and furious throughout and the customers cheered vehemently from start to finish.

At the conclusion the officials—just as they had the week before in the Joyce-Ruffin contest—came up with scorecards which ordinarily would have indicated a draw decision. But in view of Lt. Col. Eagan's desire to avoid draws in New York State, the referee and judges were bound to decide in favor of one or the other. They all decided in favor of Greco as follows: Benny Leonard, the referee, cast his ballot with four rounds awarded to each principal but he voted Greco the winner "for finishing stronger." Jim Hagen, one of the judges, also had it four and four but voted Greco the winner "for finishing the rounds by a wider margin." The other judge, Bill Healy, had it definitely in Greco's favor, five rounds to three. Your RING reporter was thoroughly in agreement with Leonard's scorecard and decision.

Included in the crowd of 14,971 which paid $69,175 were 30 wounded service men from St. Albans Hospital, who were wheeled in the Garden on rolling cots and in wheel-chairs. They were placed along the 49th Street side of the Garden and two sections of the arena had been set aside for them. From their comments after the show they enjoyed it tremendously. The preliminaries were also interesting. In one of the six-rounders, Jorge Morelia, 138, Mexico City, outpointed Phil Palmer, 139, Vancouver, B. C. Ballesandro Carubia, 149, New York, defeated Pat Giordano, 148½, in a lively encounter. A third six, between Antonio Carmona, 144¼, Puerto Rico, and Tommy Gargano, 145, Brooklyn, was won by Carmona. Joey Carkido, 130, Youngstown, defeated Marcus McCray, 131, Harlem, in four rounds; Clarence Wilkinson, 160¼, outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 157, Mexico City, in another four, and in the final over this scheduled route, Mayhew Smith, 145¾, Harlem, halted Billy Daniels, 148¾, in 2:12 of the second.

The first controversy resulting from Lt. Col. Eagan's decision to eliminate draw verdicts in boxing bouts held in New York State came about in the 12-round contest at Madison Square Garden between Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., lightweight, and Bobby Ruffin, of Long Island City. Close all the way, there seemed little to choose between the two boxers when the final gong clanged. Eddie Joseph, the referee, gave the fight to Ruffin by seven rounds to five. George Lecron, one of the judges, had it for Joyce by exactly the same count. Tom Guilfoyle, the second judge, found at the end of the contest that he had six rounds marked for each boxer. He then counted up his point score and found that here, too, he had the same total for each boxer. Guilfoyle seemed to take an unusually long time to make up his mind but he finally marked his ballot in favor of Joyce on the grounds that the Negro lad had displayed "superior aggressiveness and more effective punching."

Many of the spectators did not approve of the decision in Joyce's favor and let out a loud boo which continued even after Harry Balogh had announced the principals in the four-rounder following the main event. Among the newspapermen at the ringside, opinion appeared to be divided evenly but almost all agreed that the fight was close and could not find fault with the verdict. But the Ruffin supporters among the fans found plenty to find fault with in Guilfoyle's decision. They insisted that most of the aggressiveness was shown by Ruffin and not by Joyce. They also insisted that Ruffin's punches were more damaging than Joyce's. Had the fight taken place a few months earlier it would have been called a draw. As it was, the Joyce-Ruffin bout goes into the record books as a victory for Joyce.

The fight itself was not quite as lively as had been anticipated but it was interesting most of the way. Joyce's best weapon was his left jab which he used with considerable effectiveness, opening an old cut over Ruffin's left eye in the closing rounds. He threw his right only sparingly. Ruffin fought in spurts but when he opened up he had real command of the situation. Unfortunately for him he could not find the energy to stage enough of these rallies to gain a substantial lead. Joyce was penalized the third round for striking low. The most stirring round of the bout was the last, each fighter realizing that the outcome might hinge on the winner of that session. Ruffin seemed to have more left at the finish than his opponent but it did not help him when the verdict was announced. At 136½, Joyce had a one-pound weight advantage.

A crowd of 13,034, paying $52,414, saw the show. In a six-rounder which went on just before the feature, Bobby Brown, 159½, Philadelphia, won from Roman Starr, 162½, Los Angeles, when a badly cut eye prevented Starr from coming out for the fifth. Another six-rounder brought together Jock Leslie, 124¾, Flint, Mich., and Lou Alter, 125, Montreal, and was won by Leslie. The fans didn't like the decision. Jorge Morelia, 129½, Mexico City, outpointed Vic Costa, 139, Bronx, in a third six. The four-rounders resulted in victories for Benny May, 119¼, Montreal, over Frank Pucci, 121½, Toronto; for Robert Edward (Sonny) Smith, 167½, Harlem, over Vic Chambers, 169, Passaic, N. J., on a kayo in 2:25 of the first; and for Archie Devino, 119, Long Island City, over Don Scanlon, 118¼, Ozone Park, L. I., in 1:53 of the first.

Subjecting Ernie (Cat) Robinson, Jamaica, L. I., welterweight, to a severe pummeling, Danny Kapilow, Bronx welter who was recently given his discharge from the service, scored a knockout victory at the Queensboro Arena. The end came at the end of the sixth round of a scheduled eight when Jed Gaham, the referee, refused to allow Robinson to come out for the seventh heat. Robinson's right eye was closed and he took a hard beating from Kapilow who displayed all his oldtime form. Kapilow weighed 146¾, Robinson 147¾.

The six-round semi-final between Walter Stevens, 141, Newark, and Al Victoria, 135, New York, was won by Stevens on a decision. In other sixers, Mike Konnors, 130¾, New York, defeated Juan Carrero, 135, Puerto Rico; and Jackie Connelly, 130, Long Island City, knocked out Jimmy Allen, 125, Philadelphia, in 2:08 of the third round. Tommy Marra, 146½, White Plains, knocked out Buddy Jackson, 149, Newark, in 2:35 of the second round; and Lou Suliveres, 133, Bronx, outpointed Marcus McCray, 129½, New York.

Following up his victory in his first New York appearance, when he defeated Chilindrina Valencia in a preliminary match at Madison Square Garden, Augie LaPara, 19-year-old New Orleans featherweight, headlined the program at Fort Hamilton Arena against Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, of Lisbon, Me., and won by a knockout in 1:46 of the sixth round of a scheduled eight. Weighing 126 pounds to his opponent's 129, LaPara opened a cut over LaChance's right eye in the second stanza and continued to press his advantage until, midway in the sixth, Referee Barney Felix had to step in to halt the proceedings.

A second scheduled eight rounder also ended in a knockout, with Danny Williams, 146, Albany, scoring over Dominick Fussa, 153, Puerto Rico, in 1:16 of the second heat. Still another knockout marked the scheduled six rounder between Tommy Campanella, 178, Brooklyn, and Nieman Hawes, 176, New York, Campanella winning in 2:45 of the fifth. Wendell Douglas, 119, Harlem, outpointed Don Scanlon, 120, Ozone Park, L. I., in four rounds; Lou Spurdis, 145, New York, halted Tony Trophi, 141, Brooklyn, in 44 seconds of the third; and Bill Commodore, 120, Harlem, outpointed Evans Ramos, 121, also Harlem, in another four-rounder.

After several weeks of delay in getting underway, the new Sterling Oval Arena in the Bronx finally got started with a show that proved entirely satisfactory to the 3,000 fans who paid $2,572 to see the fisticuffing. In one of the limelight eight-rounders, Vince LaSalva, Mt. Vernon welterweight, defeated Freddie Addeo, of Brooklyn, in an exciting contest. Both LaSalva and Addeo were blood-covered before the fight was even half over, LaSalva bleeding from the nose and Addeo from a cut on the forehead. But at the end of the bout there wasn't much difficulty in naming the winner, LaSalva definitely having the upper hand. He scaled 146 to Addeo's 142½.

In the second eight-rounder, Vic Costa, 142½, Bronx, jolted Bobby Berger, 149, New York, into defeat. Costa took the match as a substitute for the ailing Joey LaMotta but he proved much better than Berger. All three of the preliminary matches finished short of their scheduled distances. Al Mobley, 141½, Newark, halted Patsy Zoccano, 141, Montreal, in 58 seconds of the fourth round of a slated six; Danny Williams, 148, Bronx, stopped Willis Scott, 150, Harlem, in 2:14 of the second; and in the four-rounder, Lou Spurdis, 144, New York, knocked out Lee Smith, 148, Bronx, in 1:59 of the third round.

The MacArthur Stadium enjoyed its biggest night of the summer season when Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn middleweight, tangled with Artie Levine, also of Brooklyn, in the feature ten-rounder. By staging a whirlwind finish, Fiorello upset the advance dope to annex the decision. The bout had been postponed a week due to bad weather the week before but nevertheless the largest crowd of the season turned out and paid in excess of $8,000 to see the fight. The two middleweights battled furiously right down to the last round when Fiorello floored Levine for a count of six. That last-round rally gained Fiorello the unanimous decision. The winner scaled an even 160 to Levine's 157¼.

A number of knockouts marked the preliminaries. The semi-final, scheduled for six rounds, saw Tony Del Gatto, 154, Brooklyn, triumph over Joe Robinson, 161, Harlem, on a kayo in 1:31 of the second. Continuing his fine work, Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 125, Harlem, put over the haymaker on Joe Montiero, 126¾, Puerto Rico, in 24 seconds of the fifth stanza. Steve Curley, 130, Toronto, took a six-round decision from George Knox, 128, Newark; while in fours, Jack Barker, 147½, Dayton, Ohio, outpointed Charles Hilton, 152½, Garfield, N. J.; and Clarence Wilkinson, 155, Brooklyn, defeated Lou Perez, 157, Puerto Rico.

In an interesting eight round feature bout at the Queensboro Arena, Sonny Horne, Valley Stream, L. I., middleweight, scored a unanimous decision over J. C. Wilkins, of the Bronx. But even though all three officials cast their ballots for Horne, Wilkins managed to make the fight close all the way. Horne had the edge in cleaner punching. The winner weighed 160½, just a half pound more than Wilkins. Pat Scanlon, 139, Ozone Park, L. I., stopped Alex Doyle, 146½, Garfield, N. J., in 2:39 of the seventh round of a scheduled eight. Displaying considerable boxing skill, Scanlon hurt Doyle with his sharp blows and when he dropped Doyle, the latter was in no condition to continue, the referee halting proceedings. Rocco Lescio, 140, Brooklyn, outpointed Victor Moreno, 139, Venezuela, in a six. In another six, Lou Valles, 150, East Side, defeated Lee Black, 152, Harlem. Tony Mancuso, 149½, Montreal, outpointed Julie Cross, 152, in the four-round opener. Gate receipts were $5,055.

Even the most ardent admirer of Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn lightweight, must now be convinced that Al Guido, of Harlem, is his master. After outpointing Rubino at the Garden and again at Fort Hamilton Arena, Guido duplicated the performance in another ten round feature at the Army base. As were the first two bouts, this one was also close and hard-fought. The two judges each voted five rounds for each fighter but favored Guido on points. The referee, Johnny McAvoy, scored it seven rounds for Guido and three for Rubino. Guido weighed 136 to 133½ for Rubino. A crowd of 3,000 paid $4,927 to see the show.

Cpl. Jim Foster, 205, Fort Dix, N. J., made short work of Jimmy Davenport, 195, Philadelphia, in the semi-final, Foster knocking his opponent out in 2:07 of the second round. Billy Walker, 162, Cleveland, also scored a knockout, halting Ernie Barnwell, 160, Brooklyn, in 1:42 of the fourth. Still another kayo marked the bout between Joey Dell, 120, New Haven, and Bill Commodore, 122, Harlem, Dell winning in 2:15 of the second. Carl Olsen, 132, New Haven, outpointed Leroy Saunders, 135, New York, in a six-rounder; and Jimmy Stokes, 138, New Haven, defeated Lou Spurdis, 142, New York, in another six.

Tippy Larkin, the Belleville, New Jersey, welterweight, who had temporarily quit the ring to build insulation parts in planes, came back with the greatest performance of his career in Madison Square Garden on the night of August 3 to gain the unanimous decision over the highly-touted Willie Joyce in a ten-round bout. By beating Joyce, Tippy was credited by experts with the most skilful exhibition seen in the House that Tex Built, in many moons. His boxing was a pleasure to behold. His hitting was sharp. He punched with accuracy and his manoeuvers made Joyce miss frequently. The gathering of 13,451 that had paid $60,266 to see the mill, went home singing the praises of the Jerseyite.

In view of Larkin's long absence from big time performances, his exhibition was amazing. Even when hurt, and that happened several times, Tippy came back with stinging punches and jabs, blocked further attempts by Willie and showed a calmness that had his opponent baffled. The edge in most rounds was pretty close, but enough of a margin in Tippy's favor to give him a clear lead at the end.

Tippy's failure to fold under fire, something he has been known to do in important contests against hard hitters, discouraged Joyce, but then it must be admitted that Willie is not a hitter of the Ray Robinson or Rocky Graziano school. Larkin pranced around like a young colt and delivered many effective blows every time the opening presented itself. In all it was a great fight, one of many thrillers seen in the Garden this year.

Jose (Baby) Gonzales, of Los Angeles, skillfully outpointed Pedro Firpo, rugged Negro slugger of Camden, N. J., in the semi-final bout. Gonzales, who weighed 128½ pounds to his opponent's 131, had the fight in control at all times, scoring sharply to the head with short rights and lefts and avoiding the ponderous haymakers of his muscular if slow-moving opponent.

Sid Haber, of the East Side, outpointed Frank Feener, of Boston, in four rounds. Coolidge Miller, of Harlem, won the decision over Deacon Johnny Brown, of Baltimore, in six. In a bout scheduled for six, Charley Smith, of Newark, stopped Alphonse (Pancho) Malacara at 0:29 of the second round.

Frankie Pucci, 117½, of Toronto outpointed Archie Devino, 120, of Long Island City, in four rounds.

Stanley Sims, 147½, of New York, outpointed Bobby Cummings, 144, of Brooklyn, in four rounds.

Steve Riggio, 146, East Side, knocked out Bucky Taylor, 145, Baltimore, in the fourth round of the main event at MacArthur Stadium on August 8. There was plenty of action until Riggio brought his man down under a heavy attack. The time was 1:24.

The semi-final also failed to go the route with Sal Ritchie, 149, East Side, winning on a technical kayo over Rudy Giscombe, 155, Harlem, the latter being forced to resign at 2:33 of the sixth when he suffered a dislocated jaw. In six-rounders Steve Curley, 128, Toronto, took the decision over Jimmy Allen, 130, Passaic, and Lou Thomas, 191, Indianapolis, outpointed Nieman Hawes, 175, Washington Heights.

The Baltieri brothers of Brownsville, both scored one-round knockouts. Al, 141, stopped Pat Butler, 139½, Brooklyn, in 1:13, while George, 136, belted out Joe Henderson, 136, the Bronx, in 2:54. Another knockout was scored by George Small, 159½, Brownsville, who stopped Lee Bryant, 155, Harlem, in thirty-one seconds of round one.

Sammy Horne, 159, Valley Stream, outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 160, Red Hook, in the featured ten-round boxing bout at the Queensboro Arena. Horne kept the fighting at long range, which made the going rather tame.

Scheduled six-rounders resulted as follows: Richie Miyoshiri, 126½, Honolulu, outpointed Lou Suliveres, 133½, West Side, the bout being cut to four rounds on account of rain; Tony De Rosa, 151, Astoria, won over Harry Durdin, 153½, Brooklyn, and Rocco Lescio, 140, Brooklyn, outpointed Victor Moreno, 137½, Venezuela.

Eddie Murphy, 137, the Bronx, former amateur star, looked good handing Jesse Watson, 136, Philadelphia, a four-round beating.

Vince La Salva, 146¾, of Mount Vernon, scored a stunning upset when he gained a split decision over Danny Kapilow, 146¼, of the Bronx in the feature ten-round bout at Sterling Oval, the Bronx. The last four rounds were fought during a downpour. A crowd of 4,000 saw the welterweights exchange blows willingly throughout.

Henry Johnston, 148, Harlem, knocked out Leon Kennedy, 147¾, Harlem, in 2:53 of the first round of the semi-final six. Clint Miller, 123½, Elizabeth, N. J., outpointed Joe Monteiro, 127¾, Boston, in another six. Steve Bilko, 142½, Sayreville, N. J., won the four-round opener from Lee Smith, 147½, Harlem.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

A COUPLE of months ago when Paul Altman gained a decision over Kid Azteca at Houston, there were many fans who voiced the opinion that the Mexican boxer was not giving his best efforts, but appeared to be coasting. The result of their return meeting in Mexico City seems to bear out that the fans were right, as Azteca lost little time in flattening Altman, turning the trick in five heats. In fact, in checking over his record, that seems to have been a habit with Azteca for many years, making indifferent performances in Texas, and then taking the same foe back south of the border and winning easily. Richie Mack, Chief Parris and Bill McDowell among others. This writer respectfully suggests that the local commission insist that Azteca either turn in top performances in the state or do his fighting at home, where he does so.

El Paso—Ragon Kinney, promising young Ft. Sill heavy, who has been a consistent winner, proved that he has definitely arrived, when he gained a decisive victory over the rugged Tiger Sheppard in 10 rounds. Young Kinney showed fine form in outboxing the Tiger all the way. In the prelims Slim Terror, 135, was beaten by Lefty Chilo, 136, six rounds. Tony Fernandez kayoed Bobby Torres 1, featherweights. Sammy Andrade drew with Soldier Arratia, bantams. Kid Dozal stopped Gabley Cortez 3, lightweights. Tony Serrano knocked out Robert Monroy 2, lightweights.

Laredo—Julio Cerna, hard-hitting middleweight, knocked out Francisco Garcia in the second round of the scheduled 10-round main event. Pelon Garcia, classy Monterrey Welter, flattened Tony Marin, 2. Jesus Ortiz defeated Jesus Martinez, 6, featherweights.

Houston—Tony Rios, state lightweight champion, successfully defended his "title" by taking an easy decision over Stanley Cieslik of Detroit. In the 10-round semi, Bill McDowell decisioned Julio Cerna in 10 rounds. They are middleweights. Douglas Gibson, 129, defeated Pancho Martinez, 129, six. Johnny Dabbs, 148, beat Jim McGrath, 151, six. Otho Slager, 130, decisioned Vincent Mazac, 137, six.

Houston—In the feature bout of Promoter Sam Richards' all-Negro show. Charlie Dodson, hard-hitting St. Louis middleweight, knocked out Tommy Nelson in 3 rounds. Chester Royston, 180, K.O.'ed Willie Tucker, 175, one. Douglas Rhone, 176, stopped Rece Thompson, 180, three. Al Brown, 140, knocked out Charles McBeth, 140, three.

San Antonio—Tony Rios, 136, decisioned Abe Kaufman, 134, in a slow 10-rounder. Pelon Garcia, 147, stopped Jimmy McNeil, 150, four. Pedro Zammarita, 132, flattened Otho Slager, 130, three. Douglas Rhone, 170, stopped Chester Royston, 174, one. Tiger Rodriquez, 126, and Lance Ruehle, 130, drew, four.

El Paso—The classiest piece of fighting machinery to be developed in Texas in a long, long time appears to be Manny Ortega, a fine young featherweight. Ortega encountered little difficulty in disposing of Pedro Ramirez, high-ranking Mexican puncher, putting the sleeper over in round 8. Tony Fernandez K.O.'ed Jesse Beccerra, 2. Manuel Soto beat Baby Gallo, 4. Soldier Arratia defeated California Kid, 4. Kid Obregon K.O.'ed Al Pacheco, 1.

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Those who have the 1945 RING Record Book should make the following changes:

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

WHITE CITY opened its doors to professional boxing after a lapse of six years, when Mitchell Sandler, a new magnate in the boxing field, had the classy Johnny Bratton, a leading Chicago lightweight, face Melvin Johnson, recently discharged from the Navy, and before a packed house Bratton won in eight rounds. It was a case of too much speed.

Art Brown, rugged Southside welterweight, punched too often and hard for bewildering Jerry Pittro and won in eight.

Wray Carter tore into Ted Barnadoe and registered a three round kayo over his fellow Southside Negro lightweight foe. Eddie Prince defeated Eddie (Kid) Carson in six rounds. Dan Robinson, local Southside Negro welterweight halted Bill Jordan's slight winning streak via the kayo route in the sixth. Sammy Williams stopped Sam Davis in three rounds.

Hubert Hood, sensational diminutive heavyweight bombardier, continued along his winning ways in a Marigold Garden headliner, when he won handily from Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio, 200½-pounder, in 10 rounds. Walker floored Hood with a terrific right for a no count.

Punching Roy Lewis, Muncie Cop and a former Golden Gloves champ, put the skids on Jimmy Hughes in five rounds. Lewis had Hughes down five times.

Charley Polk won a dull five round contest from Gene Simmons, of Indianapolis, Ind. Ted Christie defeated Eddie Kid Carson and Albert (Spider) Thomas, Golden Glove graduate, in the bantamweight division just managed to eke out a win over Nick Kachardus, West Side Greekster, who took a pummeling for three rounds and all but knocked the web off of the Spider's noggin, in the fourth and final session.

Phil Muscato, young Buffalo light-heavyweight won a split decision over Nate Bolden, Chicago's light-heavyweight candidate, at the end of ten stirring rounds at Baltimore, Md.

Gene Spencer, local Chicago lightweight, has been confining his boxing jousts out in the far west. A Mexican by the name of Enrique Bolanos, from Methico (Mexico City), emerged with a technical knockout victory over Gene. Hollywood was the scene of this bout.

Jimmy Sherrer, Joey Sangor's Milwaukee welterweight protege, had a difficult time in displaying his superiority over Slammin' Bill Parsons, Danville dynamiter, in the 10-round Marigold Gardens outdoor windup. Sherrer unleashing short punches with accuracy. The final round—8th—was a toe-to-toe barrage that was still in progress after the gong sounded.

Willie Edmonds, Negro welterweight from Grand Rapids, Michigan, won a torrid six round contest from Charley Wells from Gary, Indiana. It was a slam-bang affair throughout.

The balance of the Marigold card ended in knockouts with Ramey McKnight, Milwaukee 156-pounder putting the quietus on Dick McClure, Benton Harbor 151-pounder, in round 2. Gene Roberts annihilated Georgie Chapman, fellow Benton Harbor, Mich., featherweight, and Billy Sullivan, Chicago 186-pounder, dealing out the sleeping potion to Abner Teague, light-heavy, from the "House of David" locality.

So brief was this prelim program that the promoters had to satisfy the disgruntled fans with an extra bout. Bill Jordan, who formerly fought pro a few years back, and who has been seen of late seconding other pugilists, donned the gloves and did right well for himself in defeating the two-fisted Jimmy Martin, South Side Negro welter.

Cy Ellison, Chicago heavyweight, weighing 186 pounds, journeyed over to Indianapolis, Ind., and stopped Pvt. Gene Mickens, in two heats. Jimmy Martin took the measure of Tiger Higgins, in a slated six round bill, in the "Speedway" City.

Sgt. Georgie White, a pleasing pro welterweight six years ago, has returned to the States after three years of overseas service. Georgie has cavorted over Italy, Africa, Sicily, England and Trinidad. White, who is a member of the Air Corps division says hello to Joe Mahoney and fellow buddies in the 60th Troop Bty. in Trinidad.

At the Marigold Garden—Collins Brown, South Side Negro middleweight, gained a fifth round knockout over Luther Brent. Brent, a hard hitter in his own right, had Brown in trouble on several occasions before he was stowed away. Brent kissed the deck three times before he was downed for keeps.

Robert Satterfield, Negro light-heavy, made short work of Herman Hayes, fellow South Side Negro 175-pounder, who went out from a crashing right swing in the opening stanzas of their billed six-rounder.

Gene Roberts, undefeated Danville featherweight, won over Dickie Miller, Jr., lightweight from Danville, in but two rounds. This was Roberts' eighth winning success in a row.

Bennie Droll, ex-Marine of merit and Curly Denton, Cincinnati, Ohio, middleweight, battled five hectic rounds to a draw, while Bertrand White defeated Victor Jade, Cleveland bantamweight, also along the five round route.

Bill Petersen, 195 pound, Indiana Harbor heavyweight, surprised White City partisans with his convincing three round knockout over Mack Parshey, Detroit, 182 pounder, in a scheduled ten round windup. In the third frame Petersen belted Parshey to the canvas three times for nine counts and drove home a vicious right that toppled Parshey through the ropes and onto the floor in the press row. The Wolverine couldn't make it back in twenty seconds in order to continue. Time, 2:40. Johnny Behr, U.S. Olympic boxing coach, as well as coach of the Golden Gloves squads, was third man.

Robert Weatherly, South Side Negro, 145½ pounder, won on a TKO over Jimmy Martin of a carded six round tiff. In the fourth round, Weatherly unleashed a terrific left-hook that gashed Martin's right eyelid. Martin went down for an eight count, got up, but his vision was blurred completely and voluntarily retired from the match.

Lindy Elliot, New York City, 226 pound behemoth, had his hands full for five of the six rounds with Cy Ellison, 186 pound Southsider, but rallied in the sixth and final chapter to clinch a victory for himself.

Billy Park edged out a decision win over Ted Bernadoe, in a four round fray, while Tommy Johnson returned to the squared circle with a bruising win over Billy Sullivan, Negro 182 pounder. It was a great fight

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Freddie Dawson, capable Chicago lightweight, again appeared before Philadelphia partisans and licked Gene Burton in a ten round scrap.

Holman Williams, Detroit middleweight, who has been residing in the Windy City, for the past eight years, is still a master with the gloves on. Williams has been boxing pro for approximately 14 years. Holman trekked up to Buffalo, N. Y., and outpointed Johnny Green, capable Buffalo middleweight, in a ten round scuffle.

Bill Parsons collided with Jimmy Sherrer, in a repeat match, this time in Milwaukee, Sherrer's home town. Sherrer was declared the winner for a second time but knew that he was in a hotly contested contest.

Joey Barnum, two-fisted California scrapper pulled a surprise in his Chicago debut by taking down the verdict at the end of eight rounds over agile Johnny Bratton, colorful Negro Southsider, at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

Gene Roberts, Downstate bantamweight, made it nine successes in a row, when he took the measure of Albert "Spider" Thomas via the kayo route, in the scheduled five round special attraction. Gene turned the trick in round two.

Bennie Droll, Peoria middleweight upstart, gained the laurels over Curley Denton, Cincinnati, Ohio, 160 pounder, in a spirited six round semi-final.

Roy "Southpaw Slants" Lewis, Muncie, Ind., cop, was held to a draw by Pat Bradley, a newcomer, in a five round joust.

Ted Newsome, Gary, Ind., light-heavyweight, stopped Douglas Jordan in two. Ted Christie, veteran New York featherweight, put the skids under Dickie Miller, of Peoria, Ill., in two.

George Mitchell, Negro middleweight, out of Detroit, and who did considerable fighting here in the Windy City, is in town after completing two years of overseas duty in the Army. Mitchell sustained shrapnel wounds in his left arm.

White City's matchmaker is the experienced Larry Amadee, trainer of several talented fighters of the past and present. Larry thought he had his share of headaches worrying about a prospective charge in readiness for a proposed encounter. Now he has to shoulder the responsibility of ten fighters, to appear on his cards, and to give an appreciable account of themselves—whew!

Odell Riley, ambidextrous Detroit 183 pound Negro lad, with the Irish moniker, stopped Bill Petersen in 1:20 of the fourth round of their slated ten round biff at the White City Arena. For three rounds it was fairly even. In the fourth the "Motor City" Negro dropped the Hoosier boy for a four count.

Bennie Droll, Peoria, 159 pounder, stiffened Pete Jackson, Chicago Negro, 160¾ pounder, in the second round. The very first round found Droll on the canvas twice, but the ex-Marine retaliated by dumping his adversary twice for counts, with a barrage of blows that rained all over Jackson. After Jackson had gone down the second time from a flurry of blows he was unable to beat the ten toll.

Tommy James, Negro middleweight, after a shaky first round, came back in the second frame and delivered a right hook to the solar plexus that stopped Douglas Jordan, 159 pounder, in his tracks for the count.

Billy Sullivan, another Negro with the Irish monicker, won a hard-earned engagement from Cy Ellison, in the only bout to go the limit—five rounds.

In the opening contest, Wray Carter spoiled the professional debut of Bernard Paige, City Golden Gloves champion in the middleweight division. Carter spilled Paige for the count in the opening stanzas.

That's all for this month. Fighters seeking bouts here in the Middlewest will do well to contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th St. Send photo, newspaper clippings and complete won and lost record of yourself.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

THE boxing card in the air conditioned Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis on July 20 was very well accepted and indeed was approved by the 2,153 paying patrons who deposited $3,317 to witness the pier sixers staged by the Lou Wallach and Harry Eagles combination. Wallach and Eagles deserve a great hand for their part in bringing boxing back to the fight-minded fans of "St. Looey." This card showed an increase of a thousand dollars over their last start in June. So it is beginning to look as if boxing is going to click here again.

The main go was a ten-rounder between Dave Clark, a Negro middleweight of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Amado Rodriguez of Mexico. Both boys threw all their book learning away and tore at each other and were really playing for keeps. In the fourth round, Clark opened a cut on the forehead of his Mexican opponent and from then on, it was Clark's battle as the boy from "South of the Border" just couldn't keep his head, and was speared at will with well-directed blows by Clark. The results follow:

Dave Clark, Cincinnati Negro, 157, defeated Amado Rodriguez, 162, from Mexico, in ten rounds on a decision.

Willie Russell, 132, of Columbus, Ohio, defeated Lefty Chilo, 137, of Mexico, on a T.K.O. in the sixth round.

Curtis Filer, 159, from East St. Louis, Ill., K.O.'ed Henry Chuchollek, 159, of St. Louis, Mo., in the first round.

Chamaco Louis, 133, from Mexico, decisioned Oliver Johnson, 132, of St. Louis, Mo., in four rounds.

Curtis Smith, 136, from East St. Louis, Ill., decisioned Paul White, 142, from Chicago, Ill., in four rounds.

Willie Russell from Columbus, Ohio, bears a lot of watching. It looked like "HAMMERIN' HANK" had returned. Russell hit Chilo at will and Chilo in turn just couldn't make connections with the bobbing and weaving Russell. Chilo was dropped in the fifth round at the bell by the business-like Russell and could not answer the bell for the sixth.

Curtis Filer showed that he has the punch of a pile driver in his right hand when he dropped Henry Chuchollek with one punch, a right hand to the button. This guy Eagles really knows his stuff when it comes to arranging a crowd-pleasing fight card as the increase in the gate of this show over the initial venture speaks for itself. With shows like the past two, they should be filling the Auditorium soon.

Nathan "Deacon" Logan lost on a tenth-round T.K.O. to Bert Lytell, a middleweight of Fresno, Calif., at New Orleans, La., in an all-Negro boxing card held on July 9. Logan was bleeding badly when the referee stopped the fight in the final frame.

Charley Riley, the St. Louis scrappy featherweight, won a ten-round decision from Jorge Robles of Mexico City in an action-packed bout held at Toledo, Ohio, July 17. It was a nip-and-tuck affair with Riley getting the nod of the judges.

On July 3 the Peoria, Ill., amateur boxing team moved in to St. Louis for a one-night stand at the outdoor arena of the Walter Hatzfeld American Legion Post. The St. Louis amateurs won three of the four inter-city bouts. A great number of wounded war veterans were guests of the post for the gala evening of boxing. Results of the inter-city bouts:

Fred Latson, Typo. A. C., outpointed Willie Page, Peoria, Ill., lightweights.

Willie Jackson, Vashon Center, outpointed Russell Boland, Peoria, Ill., in a welterweight duel.

George Zimmerly, Peoria, Ill., outpointed Praether Brown, Typo. A. C., in a bantamweight contest.

Pennington Brown, Typo. A. C., outpointed Walter Harker, Peoria, Ill., in another bantamweight affair.

Charley Stacker, a Negro lightweight of St. Louis, journeyed all the way to Rochester, Minn., on July 4 to be K.O.'ed in 1:36 of the second round of a preliminary bout by Stanley Ceislik of Detroit, Mich.

Managers with fighters and fighters wishing to make bookings in St. Louis contact the co-promoter and matchmaker, Harry Eagles at P. O. Box 1739, in St. Louis, Missouri.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BRUCE WOODCOCK, 24-year-old Doncaster railway worker and winner of 20 professional contests, has, with two punches, become the heavyweight champion of Great Britain and the British Empire.

The two punches in question were both rights to the jaw—the jaw of Jack London, burly West Hartlepool holder of the title for which Woodcock was challenging.

The end came dramatically in the sixth round, when the youngster feinted London into a terrific and perfect right to the jaw, which dropped him like a log, and it was here that London made his biggest mistake.

Instead of allowing himself a few seconds to recover, he jumped to his feet when the count had reached two, and groggy, was a perfect target for a beautifully timed, wonderfully delivered straight right to the chin, which put him down and out for the full count, amid the cheers of the vast audience.

It was then that the crowd, 45,000 strong, rose to their feet as one man and cheered the young Yorkshireman for his magnificent feat in defeating a man with a 38-pound weight advantage, for London, at the weigh-in, scaled 215 pounds to the 182 pounds of Woodcock.

Woodcock, who has been boxing for many years—he won the amateur light-heavyweight championship of Great Britain before turning professional—has impressed every time out, with his crystal-clear boxing brain, his speed and general boxing technique, and it may be truthfully said that in Woodcock, the British Isles have produced their finest heavyweight prospect since Tommy Farr. Indeed, Woodcock may exceed the popularity of Farr, and may reach far greater heights, for while equipped with all of Farr's gifts, he has the added feature of a terrific punch—the punch that we saw in evidence in his defeat of London.

Prior to the sixth round, there had not been much excitement in the fight, which had progressed with London making terrific wild swings which, had they landed, would have spelled "finis" to the aspirations of Woodcock, but with super-boxing skill he managed to evade the mad, bull-like rushes of London. Bruce bided his time, feeling his opponent out, and waited for the opportunity to land one of his sledge-hammer blows.

With his campaign planned on scientific lines, and with his chin neatly tucked away, Woodcock began piling up points from the first gong, although he was obviously tense with the importance of the occasion.

He had the advantage of having that seasoned and proven ring general, Featherweight Champion Nel Tarleton, in his corner, and I feel sure that a large part of the credit for Woodcock's victory must go to Tarleton, who acted as advisor-in-chief to the young railwayman.

London did not win a single round, and his slow-moving ponderousness was made even more obvious by the agility of his much younger opponent, who outboxed, outpunched and outmaneuvered him at every turn.

In the fifth round, it seemed that London might be coming into his own, for with a tremendous left jab, he succeeded in cutting Woodcock's nose, and the latter's face became smeared with blood, causing great excitement among the crowd, many of whom thought that it was Woodcock's eye that was cut.

At the start of the sixth round, London threw caution to the winds and set out to "massacre" Woodcock, and it was then that the Yorkshire lad seized the opportunity as it presented itself, and thus became the new heavyweight champion of Great Britain and the British Empire.

Promoter Jack Solomons, who staged the contest at the Tottenham Hotspurs Football Ground in White Hart Lane, London, is now anxious to match Woodcock with some American heavyweight of the top class, but of course a match like this during the present war period will probably be out of the question.

It is my honest belief that in Woodcock the British Isles have, at last, a heavyweight who may bring a world's title home to England, for Bruce is only 24, is improving all the while, and with a terrific punch, he stands upon the threshold of great things. I for one am inclined to think that in time he may do it.

In the chief supporting contest, Jock McAvoy of Rochdale, 162½ pounds, undefeated ex-middleweight champion of Great Britain, made a great impression in his first comeback fight, when he knocked out Paratrooper George Howard of Finsbury Park, 158½ pounds, in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest, after punishing him severely.

It was the old Jock McAvoy we saw in action, full of fire, punching like a demon in fury and giving his opponent no respite, flooring him in the first round and applying the *coup de grace* in the second with tremendous effect.

If McAvoy can continue to box and fight in this fashion, it will not be long before he is up there at the championship's door again.

Henry Hall, former ABA welterweight champion, of Sheffield, 145¾, won a good bout when he knocked out Eric Boon, 145, ex-lightweight champion of Great Britain, making his first appearance as a welterweight, in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest.

Boon seemed to fall away after the second round and appeared to be in very poor condition. Hall hit him how and when he liked, applying the finishing punch, a beautiful right to the pit of the stomach, at the end of the fourth round, and Boon was unable to come up for the fifth when the gong went, and therefore Hall was declared the winner.

Tom Smith of Sunderland, 129, made a welcome reappearance in the squared circle after a long absence, and won well over ex-lightweight champion Dave Crowley, 130¼, of Clerkenwell, over eight rounds.

Smith proved just too clever for Crowley all along the line and was a clever winner at the end.

Jimmy Webster, former ABA bantamweight champion, 119, scored a good win over Tommy Plowright, 120, of Nottingham, over four fast rounds, with Webster showing much class and a beautiful left lead, which did much to give him his victory.

Alf Brown, former ABA heavyweight champion, made short work of George Davis of Bambury when he knocked him out in the second of a scheduled six-round contest after dealing out severe punishment to the latter, who, with a weight advantage of 56 pounds, was as helpless as a lamb at the slaughter.

All in all, this was a very good program arranged by Promoter Jack Solomons, who must be congratulated for serving up such fine fare in these difficult times. The assistance of Manager Sam Burns in the arrangements was perfect, and not a complaint was heard from the large crowd in the way the show was conducted.

Harry Freeman, Dagenham, gained a points win over Joey Winch, Dagenham, after a brisk ten-round contest at Romford.

In the supporting eight-round contest, Wally Learmouth, Poplar, defeated Tommy Leany of Ireland on points after a hard-hitting affair.

In a six-rounder, Pat Flaggerty, Dagenham, stopped Ren Delaney, Watford, in the last round.

Dick Shields of Liverpool, 143¾, won a good victory when he forced the tough veteran, Leo Phillips of Birmingham, 147, to retire in the sixth round of a contest scheduled for ten rounds, at the Liverpool Stadium. For the first three rounds, it was Phillips who made all the running, and he seemed to have taken Shields out of his stride, but during the fourth, Shields suddenly cut loose, and battered Phillips from all angles, cutting his eyebrow, and dealt out severe punishment to the Birmingham lad.

Shields took control from here on in, and in the sixth stanza, Phillips intimated to the referee his desire to retire, announcing that he had damaged his left hand and could not continue.

The chief supporting bout saw Roy Ball of Liverpool easily beat Teddy Gallagher of Blackpool over eight well-contested rounds.

Joe Hart of St. Helens knocked out Geoff Heath of Worcester in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest, while Joe Crawford of Bootle outpointed Bob Pulling of London over six rounds, and Stan Hawthorn of South Shields knocked out Bill Swift of St. Helens in the fourth of a scheduled six-round contest.

Billy Stevens of Tillicoultry knocked out Taff Davies, Royal Navy, in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, with a beautifully timed and excellently delivered solar-plexus punch which sent the Welshman down and out for the complete count.

Jack McGowan of Glengarrock and Johnny Smith of Bellshill took part in a real old-fashioned stand-up, toe-to-toe slugfest, which ended when McGowan, taking severe punishment, was forced to retire by the referee in the ninth of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Ginger Ward of Wales defeated Petty Officer Jack Eadie of Bolton, who retired in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Ginger Ebbetts of Glasgow knocked out Pat Lynch of Maryhill in the second round of a scheduled six-rounder.

Jim Anderson of Waltham Cross, 136, and Frank Meacham of Mitcham, 145½, were paired over ten rounds, marred by too much holding, at Waltham Cross, and after a dull and uninspired contest, Anderson received the decision.

Ernie Stevens of Enfield, 135, and Jack Watkins of Muswell Hill, 134, fought a finely contested bout to a draw over eight rounds.

Jerry Nagle of Ireland, 129, defeated Johnny Brickwell of Enfield, 128, over eight rounds on points.

Jimmy Roberts of Ponders End and George Wright of Enfield drew over four exciting rounds.

Jimmy Stubbs of Runcorn, 128, was disqualified for an alleged low blow in the seventh of a scheduled ten-round contest with Al Phillips of Aldgate, 128½, at Willenhall.

Stubbs seemed to be having the better of the contest until the unfortunate incident, and must be considered unlucky, for he seemed set to win had the contest continued.

Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton, 115½, and Bunty Doran of Ireland, 116, boxed an interesting ten-round draw.

Both boxers gave and took plenty and a draw was a popular verdict.

Johnny Summers of Edinburgh outpointed Dick Lewis of Tylerstown over eight rounds.

Paddy Roche of Ireland came in as a last-minute substitute for "Ginger" Sadd of Norwich, who could not appear, against Charlie Knock of Hanley and put up a grand show although it came as no surprise when Knock was returned the winner on points at Watford.

Charlie Collett of Hemel Hempstead knocked out Jack Stanley of Middlesborough in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Ken East of Watford defeated Harry Powney of Doncaster on points.

Harry Ruff of Stratford drew with Bob Hickey of Edgware over six rounds.

Danny Nagle of Cork defeated Dennis Ford of Watford, who retired at the end of the seventh of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Joe Curran of Liverpool, 109¾, official contender for Jackie Paterson's world flyweight title, scored a good points win over Gus Foran of Liverpool, 116¾, in the Northern Area eliminating bantamweight contest over fifteen rounds at Liverpool Stadium.

Curran, a notoriously slow starter, worked up to a crescendo of fury and punished Foran with devastating attacks to the ribs and body.

Foran endeavored to counter, but made no impression upon Curran, who boxed as one inspired, and was a good winner at the end.

Mickey Colbert of Galway outpointed Ivor Gravell of Wales over eight hard-hitting rounds.

Mick Gibbons of St. Helens outpointed George Bridges of Manchester over eight rounds, and Bernard Pugh of Liverpool outpointed Jack Turvey of Birmingham over the same distance, while Billy Barton of Liverpool outpointed Bob Roberts of Liverpool over four rounds.

Johnny Clements of Coatbridge knocked out Paddy Ryan of Dublin in the first of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Danny Cunningham of Methil and Seaman Harry McLaughlin of the Royal Navy met over ten fast, thrilling rounds, which ended with the former receiving a well-earned decision.

Jock McCusker of Glasgow outpointed Jimmy Tiffer of Burton-on-Trent over ten rounds.

George Dougan of Maryhill knocked out Sea-

man Robinson of Warrington in the third of a scheduled six-round contest.

Johnny Finnerty, ex-lightweight champion of Scotland, outpointed Ivor Jones of Wales over eight fast rounds at Chatteris.

Billy Taylor of Stepney outpointed Jimmy Anderson of Waltham Cross over eight rounds.

Walter Redit of Soham defeated Arthur Wright of Peterborough, who retired with a cut eye in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Tommy Barnham of Fulham defeated Tommy Myers, RAF, when the latter received a damaged hand at the end of the third of a scheduled eight-round contest and retired.

Tommy Foxall of Tipton, 134, won over Johnny Molloy of St. Helens, 134¾, who retired at the end of the second round, with a badly cut eye at the Liverpool Stadium in a contest scheduled for ten rounds.

Jack Crossly of the Army retired in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-rounder with Bob Hopwood of Bolton.

Jackie Tremlow of Eccles knocked out Jackie Ryan of Liverpool in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest.

At Paisley, Scotland, on August 1—Jock Porter, young Scottish heavyweight, outpointed former British Champion Jack London before 10,000 spectators tonight to put himself in line for a shot at the crown won by Bruce Woodcock from London last month.

Porter kept London off balance throughout the 10-round bout with a straight left and the former champion could not get set for his best punch, an overhand right.

Following two defeats in less than a month, one to Bruce Woodcock and the other to Porter, London, 32 years old, announced his retirement from the ring.

On August 7 at Portsmouth—Jock McAvoy, British middleweight champion, knocked out Johnny Clements, Scottish contender, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round bout tonight before 10,000 at Fratton Park. Fighting in the main bout for the King George V Fund, McAvoy had Clements in distress as early as the third round.

Clements sank to the canvas in the sixth stanza. He arose before a count only to be finished by a crushing left to the jaw.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

FIGHT hungry fistic fans in the District of Columbia were treated to an action-packed card when Goldie Ahearn presented his monthly show, topped by a scheduled ten-round bout between Morris Reif and Lew Hanbury. Reif, the Brooklyn Bomber, emerged the victor, after surviving a nine-count knockdown in the first stanza. He had Hanbury down for four counts, in the first, second, and twice in the third. The time of the kayo was 2:38 of the third. Hanbury, scaling 144½ to Reif's 147, landed a solid right in the opener to drop Reif, but it was all Reif after that knockdown.

Morris' southpaw shots scored repeatedly on the retreating Hanbury and it was just a question of time before Reif would catch Lew. If the fighting ability of Hanbury was on a par with his courageous heart, there is no doubt that the District of Columbia would have a welterweight titlist.

In an eight-round semi-final, Smuggy Hersey, 153 pounds, Washington, decisioned Billy Daniels, 154 pounds, Detroit. It was an easy victory for the aggressive Hersey. The prelims featured three fast kayoes.

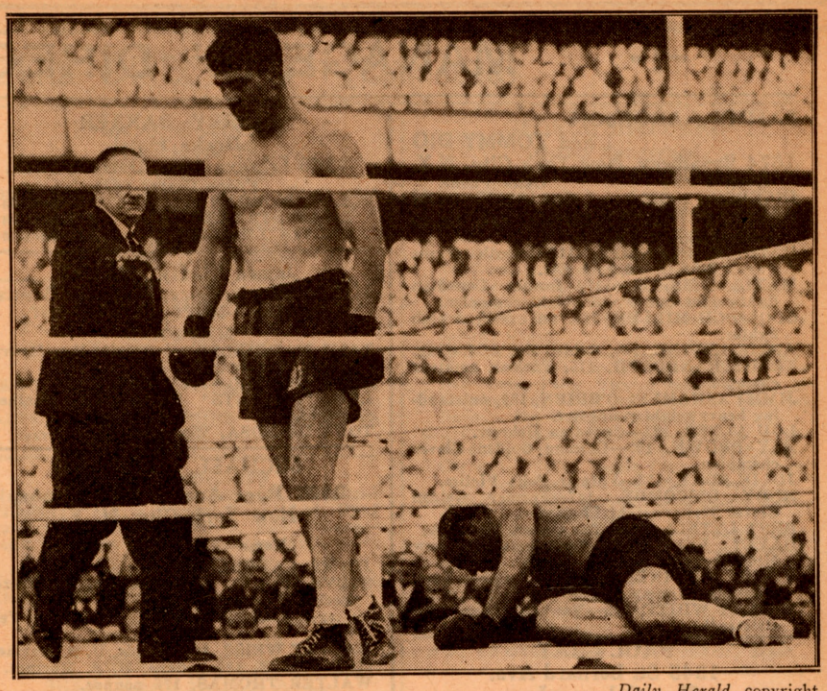
In a six-round bout, Billy Terry, 138 pounds, Washington, K.O.'ed Al Rodriquez, 134 pounds, New York City, in 2:33 of the first, after flooring Rodriquez early in the round. In other scheduled fours, George Hill, 148 pounds, Philadelphia, won via a kayo over Mr. Walker, 147 pounds, Washington, in 2:03 of the second, and George Slater, 161½ pounds, Philadelphia, kayoed North Carolina Kid, 163, in 0:26 of the first. Gross gate was $8079.

Uncle Joe Turner defied the elements in presenting an all star card of 4 eight round bouts headed by Neva Esparza and Sammy Daniels. Esparza, the Mexican welter champ, displayed plenty of ring savvy in winning over Daniels, the Baltimore vet. Sammy had Neva in trouble on several occasions but neglected the old follow through. Esparza scaled 143, Daniels 141.

In another eight, the veteran Billy Banks, 136, lost to the youthful Norval Gaddis, 138, in an excellent bout. By virtue of this win Gaddis appears to be headed for bigger things. Both are local boys.

Vinnie Jones, 158½, New York City, subbing for J. C. Wilkins, was the hit of the evening in a rousing eight round win over Baltimore's Johnny Finazzo, 165. It was a wild brawl with Finazzo in difficulty on several occasions. Already D.C. fistic fans are talking of a match for Jones with Bee Bee Washington.

The fourth eight saw Frankie Wills, 154, Washington, lose to Danny Williams, 149, Albany, N. Y., in a slow bout. The opening four had a quick ending as Art Brown, 143, Washington, kayo'd R. C. Turner, 144, Washington, in 1:49 of the first. Threat of rain kept the crowd down to a mere 1,830 persons, who put a gross of $4,525.08 in the cash-box. On the whole, an excellent card with action aplenty.



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The knockout of Jack London by Bruce Woodcock at Tottenham, London. The victory gave Woodcock the British Empire heavyweight championship and the Lonsdale Gold Belt.

NEW ENGLAND FISTIC NEWS

By DAN "DOC" AVERY

SAM Silverman and Jimmy Mede purchased the Callahan A.C. from Eddie Mack and Jack O'Brien in Boston and are planning to open at Mechanics Building in Boston around the tenth of September. . . . Rip Valenti has returned from his vacation and is also planning to open his Goodwin A.C. at the Arena in Boston. . . . The Avery-McWhirter stable which is the largest handled in New England, is located now at the Ruby and Eddie's Gymnasium, 1783 Washington Street in uptown Boston. . . . Spider Armstrong made a hit in his first bout at Worcester on his return from the Army. . . . Speedy DuVall made a great hit when he beat Lenier Bering. . . . Ray Allison, the Atlanta, Ga., lightweight, now making Boston his home, has joined the Avery-McWhirter stable. . . . Johnny Clinton, the Boston manager, is a hustler. . . . Eddie Brink is expected to be named as the matchmaker at the Fall River club.

Due to the writer being injured in an automobile accident and having to spend a couple of weeks in the hospital, and then being confined to his home, was unable to offer the results of bouts for last month.

Mannie Almida, the Providence promoter, writes that he expects to start operating his Providence, R. I., Club after Labor Day. Dave Cashman, the other Providence promoter, operated his club all summer, and will continue to operate this winter.

Chick Hayes, the Portland promoter and manager of Coley Welch, expects a big year for Portland, Me. Bob Johnston, the Bangor, Me., promoter, has done a good job with boxing in his city.

Nick Norris, the Manchester and Nashua promoter, writes that he will start operations sometime in September, and intends to use top notch matches there.

The following cities in New England will operate clubs after the summer months: Massachusetts—Worcester, Fall River, New Bedford, Milford, Springfield, Holyoke, Boston two clubs. Rhode Island—Providence two clubs. Connecticut—New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, New London. Maine—Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Bath. New Hampshire—Manchester, Nashua, Concord. Vermont—Barre.

Ruby Margolian, now stationed at the Cushing Hospital in Framingham and his partner Eddie have opened a good gymnasium and would like to have visiting fighters train there.

Promoter Al George operated wrestling bouts at Buzzards Bay this summer, and drew good crowds. He will return to Boston in September. Paul Bowser will also return in September.

Johnny Cool of Worcester, Mass., pulled an upset when he defeated Vince Dell 'Orto in a ten rounder in his hometown. Al Freda has recovered from his recent injury and has started to train.

Harold Christensen, middleweight, from Hyde Park of Boston, who quit the ring to join the U.S. Navy, was home for a 30 day furlough from the Pacific. He saw plenty of action against the Japs, and did much boxing.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, NEWS

By JIMMY TANSY

TIGER JACK FOX, 185, of Spokane, made good his promise to get in shape again by taking a clean decision from Ted Lowry, 183, of Pendleton, Ore. Though not the Tiger of old, when he's in shape he still is a little too foxy for most of the boys around today. He says he'll do even better if given another chance at Bobby Zander of Calif.

In the semi-final, Glen Northcut, Spokane's latest K.O. artist, made Joe Corbin of Pendleton his seventh straight victim via the sleeper route. Joe took the "count" in the second round of a scheduled six. These boys are middleweights.

In the prelims, "Red" Garrison, 142, of Spokane lost a tough six rounder to the more experienced Hal Livingstone of Pendleton, Ore. Mike Finley, 144, of Butte took a close win from Benny Jerome of Yakima. Jerome came in at a light 134 and tired badly in the closing rounds. In the curtain raiser, Jack Flood, 198, Spokane, flooded Cotton Smith, 202, Moab, in the second round of a four.

Fight Notes—Captain Clayton Gross of the Army Air Corps will help his Dad promote fights as soon as he is discharged. He was a pilot of a Mustang Fighter plane and has 125 points to his credit, besides all kinds of citations. . . . Mickey Trad, one time great little club fighter of Spokane, was introduced from the ring and was given a great hand. He has just completed forty-two months of duty in Europe. Frankie Gimbel who may appear on the next card is anxious to get a return with Paulie Peters. Pair that scrap with a Fox-Zander return and I don't think that the stadium could hold the crowd.

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IN HAWAII
By PFC. MACK SHERMAN

JOHO SHIROMO, stiff socking little Japanese bantamweight, marked his return to fistic warfare after a nine month layoff with a clean-cut triumph over Gus Rosa at the Civic Auditorium in Honolulu. Scoring with wide lefts to the head and rights to the body, Joho captured five of the eight rounds, with two going to Young Gus and one even. Rosa took the first and third, but from the fourth round on the best he could get was a draw in the sixth. Joho held the upper hand in the second, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth. The margin in each heat, however, was close.

An all-civilian gathering of 3,290 fans paid $4,870.50 to witness the five-bout program.

Both boxers missed almost as many times as they connected. Rosa employed a nice left hook and crossed with a sharp right. He scored several times in the first round to gain the heat. Shiromo came back strong midway in the second with effective overhand rights to the head to even things up. Boxing smartly, Gus looked at his best in the third when his left to the body and right to the head combination clicked masterfully. He beat Shiromo with hard rights to the face.

The finest round of the encounter was the fourth. Joho carried the attack to his dusky opponent and they traded freely for a hectic stanza. In the torrid exchanges that lasted the entire canto, Shiromo managed to haul in the harder and cleaner blows, especially to Rosa's ribs, to take an edge. Rosa fought back in every exchange and did get in a few stinging rights to the head.

Joho continued his assault to the young Puerto Rican's ribs with wide hooks delivered at close range to gain the fifth. A strong flurry at the bell gave Rosa an even break in the sixth.

Shiromo weighed 115 and Rosa came in at 115¼ pounds.

The balance of the card were all four-rounders. Results: Richard Oshiro, 125½, won over Phil LaBang, 117½. Willy Ceasar took the nod over Anthony Arnone in a lightweight go. Henry Davis, 125, took an easy win over Harry Katekista, 122½. Tommy Blondin, 149½, T.K.O.'ed Jerry Summerford, 155, in the third.

At Hilo—Joe Colon, Honolulu, 128, decisively decisioned Bulldog Emilio, Hilo, 134½, in the four-round main event matinee headliner at the Hilo Armory July 4 card. About 2,000 fans took in the show.

Freddy Buck, veteran Honolulan, and one-time Hawaiian A.A.U. flyweight champ, made a successful pro comeback by scoring a second-round T.K.O. over Charley Mason. Buck scaled 158½ to Mason's 161½.

Hilo's promising bantam, Terry Delpin, 116½, copped a hard-fought decision over Frankie Rodrigues, 115.

Val Balentine, 124, Honolulu, stopped George Singson, 121¾, in the second.

Bill Caesar, 133, outpointed Henry Feliciano, 132, in four.

Three amateur bouts completed the card.

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A hard straight right to the chin shortly before the end of the third round decked James in his own corner for the first time in his entire career. James was definitely hurt and arose at the count of two on very wobbly feet only to have the gong come to his rescue.

Billy's wonderful recuperative powers came to the fore during the intermission to regain his senses and he proceeded to punish his game opponent in the ensuing rounds. He climaxed this lashing with a five-count knockdown in the sixth. Salazar obviously was not hit but he took the count to relieve the barrage of blows thrown by Billy and it offered him a good chance to rest.

To start the fourth, Billy got his second wind and followed his usual whirlwind style of fighting, pumping short rights and lefts to the head and body. James carried every round but the third. The first two heats provided no action as Salazar got on a bicycle with James chasing him all over the ring.

Salazar met James in a furious trade of blows in the third with James suffering a cut right cheek. During this hot round in a terrific exchange, in which both boys stood toe to toe, Salazar crashed a hard right that floored James, to have the bell come to his rescue.

James took command from the fourth round on and the Filipino was strictly in there to stay the distance. James was very effective on the inside that slowed Salazar to a walk. Although James piled up a commanding lead in the rounds following the near fatal third, Salazar proved to be a formidable foe and proved dangerous on many occasions. Salazar weighed 134¼ and James came in at 135.

The balance of the card were all four-rounders:

Henry Davis, 121¾, won a T.K.O. in the second over Phil LaBang, 116.

Marino Tiwanak, 114, popular amateur star, made an auspicious pro debut by defeating Kid Harry Katekista, 118.

Anthony Arnone, 131½, decisioned Kenneth Monar, 136.

Joe Collins, 148, T.K.O.'ed Al Ross in the fourth.

The crowd was 3,997 and grossed $6,047.

CAMP ATTERBURY, IND.
By SGT. RAY HELING

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BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

KID GAVILAN, Havana's lightweight sensation, won an easy ten-round decision over Pedro Ortega of Mexico. The fight drew a big gate, as usual. Gavilan won hands down and Ortega's toughness saved him from a K.O. This Gavilan boy will soon be heard of in a big way. Santiago Sosa Cuba's former lightweight king, drew in ten rounds with Kid Yucateca of Mexico in a hot mixup.

Babe Coullimber, Cuba's former 135-pound champion, in good form, scored a quick kayo over Rogelio Aldazabal in three rounds. Rolando Delgado beat Hector Delgado in six, and Jules Varona beat George Cruz in four, while Armando Puenti Pi defeated Angel Garcia in a good six.

Wilfred Mayet, local lightweight of note, reduced eight pounds to meet Fillo Prado of Mexico, and Mayet was stopped in the sixth canto after being ahead on points. That's a lesson for Mayet. Diego Sosa, 128, scored a six-round kayo over Battling Socorro, 126, and Bombon Oriental was a good winner over Joe Calixto, lightweights, in eight rounds.

Lino Garcia, sensational Cuban featherweight, met his first defeat when he was outpointed in ten rounds by Sojito Gonzalez, also of Cuba. Lino got away in speedy style, but was not primed for a ten-round distance. George Cruz was an easy winner over Salvador Castro in four rounds.

Elipidio Pizarro, former Cuban heavyweight star is now promoting boxing shows at the big Palace of Sports and is doing well.

Gavilan Kid added another victim to his marvelous record when he scored a four-round victory over Joe Pedroso. This makes Gavilan Kid lightweight champion of Cuba. Gavilan Kid is a mighty fine performer, and it's going to take somebody really good to beat him. Zurdo Duany, 127, scored a three-round knockout over Eddy de la Torre, and Raul Lezcano, lightweight, beat Baby Scull in a good six.

Armando Puenti Pi, local promising bantam, put the kayo sign on Miguel Pena in the seventh round, and Ray Delgado, 125, beat Hector Delgado again in six rounds of good fighting.

Buddy Hauser arrived from Tampa, Florida, with a lucrative contract for Joe Legon, Cuba's welterweight champion. Legon is at present resting at his farm in Camaguey, and will leave for Tampa on scheduled time.

Kid Tunero, Cuba's Premier middleweight, had little trouble in defeating Oneli-Agramonte after the Kid was floored with a hard right. The "Kid" put Agramonte away in the eighth canto. Ramon Castillo, 112, outpointed Black Pico in a good six.

Kid Guarina, a bantamweight who hits like a welterweight, won from Chicho Bouza in a steaming six. Raul Lezcano, lightweight, beat Armando Vaquero in six, and Jose Ferrer, 145, beat Baldo Aldama in six.

Miguel Acevedo, Cuba's featherweight champion, won in ten rounds from Barquerito and Acevedo looked quite impressive. Joe Calixto won from Fausto Jimenez, lightweight, in eight rounds, and Manuel Herrera beat Gallego Alvarez in six rounds. Jonas Fundora, 124, beat Joe Armstrong in four, and Armando Puenti Pi outpointed Armando Dubouchet in eight rounds.

Kid Salgado, star flyweight of years ago, is now employed by Pepe Tarafa in his stable of race horses at Marianao, Cuba. Kid Salgado has become an efficient trainer. During his spare time he boxes two or three rounds and says he enjoys it, and that it reminds him of years ago when he was a popular youngster in Cuban rings.

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Bill Karty, 147, Oklahoma City, Okla., Navy, won over Herb Gaston, 145, Chicago, Ill., Navy.

Ernest Knight, 144, Trenton, N. J., Army, won over Mark Boyles, 150, Zanesville, O., Navy.

Charles Phillips, 160, Des Moines, Ia., Navy, won over Bill Bailey, 160, Cleveland, O., Navy.

Toni DeLuca, 160, Brooklyn, N. Y., Navy, won over George Binanco, 155, Asbury Park, N. J., Navy.

Ed Drayton, 160, New Orleans, La., Navy, won over Richard Waters, 160, Chicago, Ill., Navy.

Steve Belloise, 160, Bronx, New York, Navy, and Milton Hill, 168, Centralia, Ill., Navy, engaged in an exhibition.

Ed Medeiros, 135, Boston, Mass., lost to Bill Karty, 136, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Steve McGirt, 145, New York City, stopped Bob Richards, 150, Galveston, Tex., in the third round.

Steve Belloise, 160, Bronx, N. Y., gave an exhibition with Ernest Knight, 155, Trenton, N. J.

"Hep Cat" Smith, 160, Fort Pierce, Fla., beat Milton Hill, 165, Centralia, Ill.

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By PVT. TOM EPHREM
In Senigallia, Italy

BECAUSE of the expert medical treatment administered by Maj. Philip Blank, Pittsburgh, Pa., medical officer with the 60th Station Hospital in Senigallia, Italy, Sgt. Don Wallenfang, Milwaukee welterweight boxer, is alive today and able to leave with his outfit, long overseas, possibly for the States. Capt. Isidore Portnoy, medical officer also of the 60th, credits Maj. Blank with saving Don's life. Maj. Blank is very modest and says the real credit is due Wallenfang's own strong constitution.

The Milwaukeean, his camp only a few miles from this writer's hospital, was rushed here with a case of very serious spinal meningitis. The major went to work and skillfully brought the boxer back to consciousness after Don had been in a coma for eight hours. Eventually he was able to sit up and finally move around in the wheel chair. In due time he was able to walk short distances and now he is well again.

Many members of the 60th saw and talked with Wallenfang and we recall the popular fighter's ring battles in Tunis, North Africa. He was a great favorite there. There are two other Wallenfangs in the service. Don's brothers in the armed forces are Francis and Ellis. Francis, 30, is in the Philippines with a field artillery battalion. Ellis, 21, is in Germany and has written Don that he is doing some boxing there to entertain his buddies. Ellis participated in four bouts when stationed in a Texas camp and he won all.

Fine work. A fighting family, the Wallenfangs.

Marseille, France—Jack Beatty, Cincinnati, 161, won a close fight over Walter Bantum, Baltimore, 163, in the main event at the Municipal Stadium. Beatty's punching and ring knowledge carried him through. Detroit Dick Hagan, 197 pounds, was too tough for big Henry Bardwell, 201, of Chicago. Hagan dumped Henry twice, the last one being the finisher. Sal Cimino, 145, Baltimore, was the aggressor in his tilt with Qui Le Quile, 141, Marseille, and won. James Brown, Baltimore featherweight, had his left hook to the body working in good order and overwhelmed Leon Benezray, 126, Marseille. Roger Antoine, 148, scored a two-round T.K.O. over Jose Beljouzi, 147, of Algiers. John Cirillo, 134, Toulon, decisioned Kid Belardi, 136, of Aixe, in three heats, and Fernand Mondino drew with Nick DeRocco in three rounds. Both are welters and come from Marseille.

Somewhere in the Philippines—Pvt. Freddie Ephrem, younger brother of the writer, was among the American boys who helped in the liberation of the Philippines. Wonderful work there, fellows. Freddie is with a 72nd Division unit.

Senigallia, Italy—At this writing, the 60th Station Hospital, after actively performing its duties for over 26 months in North Africa, Sardinia, Corsica and Italy, will add to its list a place in the Pacific. Uh-huh, we are Pacific-bound. Just in case mail from here is way late, you will know why.

In the Battle for Iwo Jima—Don (The Duke) Hamill, lean, long and lanky correspondent of The Ring Magazine, on the U.S.S. *Auburn* (AGC), is very proud of the fact that his ship took an active part in the invasion of Iwo Jima. The *Auburn* drew its share of fire from the Japs on Mount Suribachi before the fighting Leathernecks took it. Don mentions that the *Auburn* was straddled by Jap bombs one night.

Our prayers for your safety and that of your comrades, Don.

Naples, Italy—Fistic-works, not fire-works, touched off the Fourth of July celebration for the American forces in Naples, featuring big Primo Carnera in an exhibition and a swell boxing card that highlighted the day for 24,000 onlookers. The Italian citizens and soldiers had a big day, too, as they cheered Carnera. Facing Primo was Ira Boddie of Enid, Okla. The showmanship of the former heavyweight champion lent heaps of color to the card and everybody enjoyed watching the 246-pounder move around.

In the regular bouts, an eight-rounder between Floyd Gibson, capable Cincinnati middleweight, and Aldo Malvoni of Naples featured, with Gibson winning. Gibson had things much his own way. Milton Glass, another Negro from Ohio and pro lightweight champ of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, plastered Giuseppe Palermo of Italy for a T.K.O. in six rounds. They were scheduled for eight, but Palermo's manager claimed he signed for six rounds, not for eight, and when he refused to let his fighter come out for the seventh, Glass was given the bout on a T.K.O. The MTO champion had the better of the duel anyway, and his lead was nothing to worry about.

In a hard-fought four-rounder, a return tilt, Russell Budd, Cincinnati, repeated over Porter Lawson, a Chicago lad. John Spidell, Pittsburgh, put the polisher on Giuseppe Mastroangelo of Naples. Manassas J. Matthews of Pine Bluff, Ark., lost out to Pietro Moroni of Naples. Jimmy Howe of Brooklyn got the judges' decision over Tiger Scott of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Giorgio Scripsi of Rome bested Lloyd Virdure of Chicago.

Marburg, Germany—Pfc. Tommy Yarosz, regimental boxing coach and instructor of the 309th Infantry, located in Marburg, has an abundance of boxers to provide fistic action and entertainment for the boys, but the young combat front liner, a ranking light-heavyweight until overseas duty called, writes that he is short on boxing and athletic equipment, particularly boxing shoes and mouthpieces. Yarosz mentioned that within his service company, the morale building section of his regiment, are 18 boxers. Tony Costa, ace lightweight, is one of the lads.

Aboard the U.S.S. *Auburn* in the Pacific—Two high class performers with the gloves, writes Don Hamill of The Ring, are Cisco Noguerra, a battling Brazilian weighing 140, who punches hard for his weight, and Meatball Tricomi, a southpaw from New York, a featherweight.

Marseille, France—Latest from S/Sgt. Bill Baranoff is that he will promote bouts for our troops in two more localities in southern France. He hopes to see Cpl. Tommy Yarosz of the 78th Division in Germany transferred to the Riviera district in order to run the boxing programs.

Guam—Chief Specialist Georgie Abrams' chief interest in his athletic duties for the Navy in his area of the Pacific is to see the boys become sports-minded. One doesn't have to be a champion off-hand, but if the fellow takes to boxing and becomes a champ through competition, then bet your bottom dollar that Georgie's instruction is responsible. Georgie's boys have won many championships in Guam, the Marianas and in Saipan. Georgie's brother, Ben, received the Purple Heart for wounds received in the battle of Germany. You did wonderful out there, Ben.

Naples, Italy—"Ponderous Primo" Carnera, one-time heavyweight ruler, has been touring southern Italy in exhibition boxing matches before service fans. Primo is popular with the boys here.

Marseille, France—Joe Di Martino, Bridgeport, Conn., welterweight, decisively whipped Thaddeus Lee of Louisiana in a special bout. De Martino is one of the best blood donors in his area, and the day before he fought "Louisiana" Lee, the Bridgeporter gave a pint of blood and never said a word about it. The day after he fought Kid Marcel in an exhibition, Joe donated another pint. That was his last, as he is now on his way with his outfit for a "trip."

Augsburg, Germany—With Pvt. Walter Lusa near Augsburg is Tommy Walsh, a capable young lightweight amateur boxer. Tommy was a Sardinia boxing champion during early 1944, and a well-liked performer in Cagliari, the locality of both our outfits.

The story in *Saturday Evening Post* on The Ring Editor, Nat Fleischer, and his work, by "Dapper Dan" Parker (Broadway Bugle—New York *Daily Mirror*) is a tribute to boxing's outstanding All-American. But the game still awaits the life story and biography on The Ring Editor.

Both brothers of Mark Fannon, The Ring's ETO correspondent, are in the States. Both were wounded. One is OK and back home for a while. The other one, "Dusty," was shot up pretty badly while flying over Nagoya in a B-29. He is presently in the Rhodes General Hospital in Utica, N. Y., with one leg still in a cast. When he is able to walk with crutches, he will go home.

Mark is in Germany.

Somewhere in Germany—Resting in The Ring Museum is a collection of Nazi takes that The Ring Editor, Nat Fleischer, received from Pvt. Meyer Ackerman, former conductor of the "New York Broadcast" column in The Ring. The collection includes a Nazi helmet, a Nazi officer's uniform, two swastikas, a bayonet, and a field knife. Ackerman got them all while on the last drive. Eddie Borden, another Ring employee, who has been overseas with the Canadian Army for three years, sent Nat a German front line siren for The Ring Museum.

Somewhere in Italy—Most humble sympathies to the former welterweight contender, Cpl. Jackie Donovan, and his family on the loss of Donovan's baby sister. Jackie is no doubt home by now. He has been overseas almost three years. Recently the former crack Buffalo boxer underwent an operation for appendicitis. Chin up, pal.

In the Marianas, Pacific Theater—Our close pal, the former crack amateur boxer, Eddie Balanky of Jacksonville, an outstanding Florida boxer, has a young son, John Edward, who will don the gloves in the amateur ranks when he is big enough, writes Daddy Eddie in a recent letter. Just an old Balanky custom. The Balankys are a fighting family. Johnnie and Clarence are Eddie's brothers who have performed many a time before Jacksonville fight fans and always performed well. Eddie is no longer on the good ship *Wasp*. Eddie saw considerable action aboard that ship and is now stationed at an air base in the Marianas. Johnnie is now at a naval school in Chicago after being in action for some time.

Guam—The All-Navy sports carnival that toured most of the Pacific put plenty of sunshine in Navy hearts, and as Chief Specialist Georgie Abrams put it, a glorious experience for the parading participants themselves. Abrams, leading middleweight challenger, and Fred Apostoli, ex-middleweight king, handled the boxing exhibitions. Sports figures, among whom were Pee Wee Reese, Johnny Mize, Johnny "No Hit" Vander Meer of baseball fame and Bobby Riggs of tennis, aided.

Saipan—Fred Apostoli is stationed in Saipan, and Georgie Abrams' base is in Guam, where boxing's popularity is judged by the smokers the boys hold each night in various camps.

Nice, France—Combat soldiers, on a seven-day rest period, got the best out of their leave in witnessing their first fight show, held in their honor. More than 5000 of your heroes and mine roared to the sound of the leather-thumping and swayed, then pushed home the winner. There was nothing but applause from the front-liners for the boys who were doing the entertaining in their behalf, and it's the only reason why every bout proved a corkeroo. There should be nothing but praise for the man responsible for providing our fighting men with this program. You've read about him in this column many times, and there can never be too many mentions for the fellow who is putting his heart and soul in the game for the most worthy.

Your soldier Mike Jacobs is S/Sgt. Bill Baranoff. And now for the results:

Florent Desmarais, mighty little lightweight from Manchester, N. H., looked good to the crowd, which included French spectators, as he pounded out a three-round victory over Gerald Smith, Indianapolis larruper. Desmarais, a medical man with the 69th Station Hospital in Nice, was the Algiers Inter-Allied pro lightweight champ. He was making his first start in quite some time, and was fresh as a daisy at the end of the three heats.

The semi-final caused the Nice Municipal Stadium to shudder with the decision given Dick Hagan, who was in reality the beaten man in his shindig with Bob Brown. Dick, of the 1324th Engineers, a Detroit boy, gave a good impression in the first round by his jolting blows to Bob's face, but that was all for him, as Brown started off the second with hooks that left Dick in trouble. Although Hagan meant well in the last round with some nice punches, his blows didn't come anywhere matching those of Brown, who rocked the Detroiter like a sail boat in the wide open sea. Brown is from Los Angeles.

A light-heavyweight exhibition turned out better than the usual exhibitions and since it met favor with the fans it must have been good. Charley McClellan of Cleveland and Jack Beatty of Cincinnati were the contestants.

There was a quick kayo in the welterweight bout between Clarence Jones of Miami, Fla., and Young Danti, a local (Nice) lad. Jones settled matters in 58 seconds of the first round. Earl Syas, popular Sacramento, Calif., welterweight and champ of southern France, won over Tini Baratini of Nice. James Brown, Baltimore, nodded Dave White, Chicago, both at 128. Herman Medley, 138, bested Jimmy Dare, 134, of Baltimore.

Harry Simmons, Oyster Bay, L. I., N. Y., took the call over Sam Commedo, Philadelphia, in a welterweight mixer. Charley Kirkling, 149, Pittsburgh, outpointed Colossian Caldwell, 148, Cincinnati, in their three-rounder. Bill Carter, 171, Nashville, and Percy Thomas, 169, settled for a draw in the opener.

Somewhere in Germany — Sammy Rebaldo, featherweight king of the Ninth Air Force, and a squad of Ninth boxers, hope to tangle with the lads of the Deltabase Area.

Marseille, France—It was a close struggle between the Deltabase boxing team and that of the Sixth Port, but the DBS boys managed to eke out the win, 4 to 3, at the Municipal Stadium before 8,000 fans. It was anybody's trophy until the last bout, which told the tale. In this, the promising Sacramento, Calif., slugger, Earl Syas, welterweight prospect, gained the honors for his team by kayoing Eddie Willingham in the first half of the second round. Referee A. McDowell stopped it as the loser got up gamely, but in no way to continue. Eddie is a New York boy.

Harry Simmons (DBS) got up from the resin in the second heat to take the nod in three rounds from Freddie Stevens of Trenton, N. J., in a welterweight match. The winner is from New York.

Charley McClellan, DBS puncher, showed his might by outslugging Pelham Fritz of New York for a three-round T.K.O. The loser previously hit the canvas before the second time. He sealed his own doom by electing to slug with the Clevelander.

Salvatore Cimina, Baltimore 144-pounder, fighting for DBS, defeated Elizah Long, 144, Pittsburgh, in their battle. The Port wins were scored by Larry Dorsey, who beat Herman Medley of Montgomery in a lightweight go; Harvey Barnes,

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143, Washington, D. C., tripping Clarence Jones, 147, of Miami, Fla., in their three-rounder.

Another bout, supposedly to make it three wins for the Sixth Port, was not given. Col. Harold G. Hoffman, former Governor of New Jersey, spoke briefly to the spectators.

Nice, France—Floriant Desmarais, colorful little lightweight ace, who is keeping up with the best and beating 'em, too, made such a great showing here on the first fight card that already offers have come his way to appear in Paris. Two crackerjack bouts and a good pay day for all would see Floriant in there with Tiger Thierry, leading lightweight contender of France, and Omar Lenoir, the pro lightie champ of that country. This latter would be for the title. The little man from Manchester, N. H., holds the North African pro lightweight championship and the Inter-Allied pro lightweight title (Algiers), and here's another one to add.

Please forward your news and boxing notes to Pvt. Tom Ephrem, 34247550, 60th Station Hospital, c/o PM, New York, N. Y. Your letters and news will arrive, regardless of the fact that I am heading towards the Pacific. They will follow.

Southern Luzon, Philippines—Pfc. Bob Hyde, Greenville, Pennsylvania, boxer and 175 pound champ of the 11th Airborne Division in Southern Luzon, Philippines, returned to duty after being hospitalized for several months from Jap artillery fire. He had suffered concussion. Bob has a service boxing record to be proud of. He won 27 of 28 bouts he fought. He lost a decision in his 13th bout while in basic training at Camp Mackall, N. C. The Penn. leather pusher has a bronze star medal to his credit for leading a Guerrilla group in Luzon through heavy Jap mortar and artillery fire to bring ammunition for American gun crews who were smashing Jap pill boxes during advancements made by paratroopers.

Somewhere In Germany—Allied authorities in Germany who okayed Nazi Max Schmeling, ex-heavyweight champion, for "Re-education of German Youth in Ways of Democracy," should have their heads examined. Suggest that either Joe Louis or Billy Conn themselves "teach" the Nazi boxer the "Ways of Democracy."

This is not only my sentiment. It is that of thousands of GI's all over Europe. If ever there was a good Nazi, true to the cause of Hitler, Goebbels, Streicher and Ribbentrop, that man is Herr Max Schmeling. Let's treat him as we are treating all of our Nazi enemies. Why take him to our bosom now!

Somewhere In Northern East Italy—A former member of the 60th Station Hospital Unit, our own Pfc. Gene Krotz, who was transferred to the 1st Battalion, 86th Mountain Infantry, 10th Mountain Division, and did wonderful work as medical aid man, writes about the 10th Mountain's great sports program in which boxing played a featured role. Said Gene: "Our 10th Division had a boxing tournament with the 91st Division. Sure wished you could have been here. This Division goes out for sports in a big way. You probably have read a lot about it in *The Stars and Stripes.*"

On the Shores of Lake Narda, Italy—Boxing is playing an important part in the lives of servicemen here in Italy, now that the war on this side is all over. Encouraging reports from all fronts reveal the sport's popularity is gaining with the lads. Pfc. Bernie Cady, youthful Washington, D. C., professional lightweight and Fifth Army boxer, again helps with some news around his way. While on detached service at Modena, Bernie witnessed fight programs put on by the 88th Division. Other divisions in the Fifth Army likewise are putting on boxing shows. Bernie had the pleasure of seeing his Fifth Army teammate, Marshall Higa, in Brescia. Marshall won the Algiers pro bantamweight title. Incidentally, one of their pals, Roy Nakamine, a classy, clever amateur bantamweight, who, like Marshall, is a member of that great 100th Infantry of Hawaii, was taken prisoner by the Germans and is now back home. The Fifth Army boxing team was the best boxing team assembled in the Mediterranean sector.

Senigallia, Italy—One of the 60th's newest members in its hospital unit is Bill Schwabenbauer of Lucinda, Pa., a light-heavyweight amateur boxer. Bill was the representative of the 11th Battalion, 4th Regiment, Field Artillery, boxing squad at Fort Bragg, N. C., from August to October, 1944.

Somewhere in the Pacific—Doing a bang-up job in the sports field, especially in the boxing field for the servicemen in his area, is S/Sgt. Bob Abel of Philadelphia, who is connected with the Special Service Office there, writes Sgt. Izzy Weiner, also of Philadelphia, and Bob's pal.

Honolulu, Hawaii—The story on the Hawaiian champions in the July issue of THE RING Magazine by Maj. K. S. Vandergrift interested us all particularly because a youngster in the photos answers to the name of Higa, Nobuo Higa. The resemblance to our Fifth Army pal and pro bantamweight boxer, Marshall Higa, is so great that it's a sure bet that Nobuo and Marshall are brothers.

Senigallia, Italy—Tommy Parsons, Negro Chicago welterweight, is attached to the 3411th Quartermaster Trucking Company near our hospital. Also within the 3411th is a promising Negro amateur light-heavyweight, Bill Jones, who boxed on the Red Cross cards in Cagliari, Sardinia, and was a member of its team in 1944. Parsons is the brother of Bill Parsons, well-known Chicago fighter. Tommy captured home town welterweight championships during 1938-'39 and then turned pro.

Predil, Italy—The 10th Mountain Division, combining its 86th Mountain Infantry and 126th Engineers, had enough on the ball to outscore the famed Jewish Brigade of the British Eighth Army in a ten-bout clash. The 10th captured five bouts against their opponents' three. Two draw bouts resulted. The brawl between heavyweights T/Sgt. George Fuge of the 86th, Company C, and L/Cpl. Samuel Hacker of the Jewish Brigade stood out. Fuge won. He scaled 197 to 220 for his opponent.

Pvt. Connie Marker, 126th, stopped Pvt. Moshe Maschiak, JB, in the first heat of a middleweight meet. Pvt. Dov Pizen, JB, scored a kayo in three rounds over Pvt. Charles Kelly of the 86th. Both are welterweights. L/Cpl. Yizhak Hormot, JB, made it another T.K.O. victory for his team. He stopped Pfc. Bob Henderson of the 86th in two rounds. Both are featherweights. Pfc. Bill Healy, 86th, decisioned Sgt. Mordecai Bangechon, JB, in three. Both weighed 150. Pfc. Daniel Defraces of the 86th trounced Pvt. Jeno Barger, JB, in three rounds of a light-heavyweight clash. Pvt. Yizhak Segal, JB, decisioned Pfc. Bob Gruver, 86th, in another light-heavy duel.

Pfc. Clarence Miller, 86th, and Pvt. Jack Levy, JB, went three rounds to a draw; lightweights both. Pfc. Bob Gould, 126th, was all even with Pvt. Joseph Greenbloat, JB, clashing in a middleweight three-rounder. Pfc. Jesus Manriguez, 126th, fared evenly with Pvt. Abraham Schauder, JB, in another middleweight go. T/4 Ed Plunkett, 126th, had the better of Pfc. Charles Moran, 86th, in a heavyweight mill.

England—Cpl. Leo F. Matriciani, Baltimore heavyweight boxer, added another championship title to his list by winning a sharp decision in the recent Allied Tournament held in Paris. Leo very modestly mentioned in his letter that the fight was very close and "could have gone either way."

Standing out prominently in promoting this successful show was our good friend, Irwin Goldie, the servicemen's Mike Jacobs.

Leghorn, Italy—Whatever thoughts the Lucca, Italy, civilian boxing team, reputed to be the best in Italy, had of defeating the Peninsular Base Sector pugilists fell to a frazzle as the PBS laid all doubts aside in trouncing the civvies by the tally of 7½ to 4½, with 10,000 fans viewing the matches at Leghorn Yankee Stadium. So well are the PBS boys performing that Team Manager Sgt. Julius Shanbrom is looking for opponents among American, Allied or civilian teams throughout Italy. Headlining the feature fight, Cpl. Henry Jones, former holder of the North Africa heavyweight crown, used a left hook to very good advantage in pasting Gino Buonvino of the Lucca squad for a decision. The winner is a Detroit boy.

Junius Wood, Buffalo youth, who captured the Mediterranean theater amateur middleweight crown in Rome, proved his worth with a decision over Elio Cecchini of Lucca. Pfc. Rand Davis, 150, Detroit lad and a nice prospect, beat Edgardo Mazzella, Lucca, 150. Renzo Penco, Lucca, defeated Pvt. William Tugard, Cleveland, in a lightweight go. Sgt. Clev Dinwiddie, Evansville, Ind., stopped Enrico Lelli, Lucca, in another lightweight dish.

Pvt. Harrison Burr, Washington, and Elio Carrara, Lucca, tangled to a lightweight draw. Pvt. Larry Thomas, Philadelphia, was too good for Carlo Martini, Lucca, also lighties. Pvt. Henderson Lowe, St. Louis, nodded Valerio Giorgi, Lucca, another lightweight affair. Ivano Fontano, Lucca, was best man over Pvt. Jesse Dickerson, Philadelphia, a middleweight setto. Arturo Manucchi, Lucca, outpointed Pvt. Thomas Wells, Winter Park, Fla., in a heavyweight tilt. Angilino Chiesa, Lucca, 215, put the stopper on Pfc. Bob Maith, Baltimore, 190. Pfc. Billy Miles, Indianapolis, scored a clean-cut kayo over Placido Pacini, Lucca, in the first round of their lightweight meeting.

Allendorf, Germany—Coach Tommy Yarosz's fighting trio, Sebastian (Babe) Grasso, Chuck Miller and Tony Costa, enlivened the first boxing show of the season for the 158th Engineers in the latter's gym by piling up a win apiece for a clean score. Grasso, a medic, in his first start as a member of Yarosz's 309th Infantry squad, blasted game Anthony Pullisi of the 203rd Engineers into defeat, the referee stopping the fight in the third round to save Pullisi from further punishment. Chuck Miller, welterweight ace, scored a technical kayo over the willing Al Hutz in the third round. Hutz, a 158th Engineersman, outweighed his victor by 17 pounds, but Miller possessed more ring savvy, and that told the tale.

The third win for Yaroszmen, the main event, saw Tony Costa decision Eppy Santoya of the 158th Engineers. Costa's speed and skill was too much for Santoya to cope with, but the loser was trying every moment in there. The boys here are lightweights.

In other fights, R. D. Fortnich, 203rd Engineers, and Clement Russell, 3194th QM, drew in their three-round lightweight match, while Peter Grizia, 203rd Engineers, and Chuck Underwood, 319th QM, also finished even-stephen after three hard-fought rounds. Opening the program was a four-man battle royal. Capt. Albert A. Gibbs and Lt. Frank Jursinski were in charge of the show. The third man duties were carried out by Pfc. William Hickey. All are 158th Engineermen.

Marseille—Earl Syas, 139, became the undisputed welterweight king of southern France by virtue of his second consecutive knockout of Eddie Willingham, 139, on the Sixth Port Special Service weekly boxing show at the Port Coliseum before a capacity crowd.

Syas boxed coolly throughout the first and second rounds to capture both heats. In the third stanza he opened up to rock Willingham with a left hook to the jaw and followed up with a barrage of rights and lefts to dump Willingham for the count.

In the other bouts, Wright Cusseaux, 161, of Tampa, Fla., captured a close decision over Alton Prescott, 163, of St. Martinsville, La.; Lew Mondino, 143, of the French Army, and Jimmie Ford, 141, of Philadelphia, drew; Jimmy Brown, 130, of Baltimore, eked out a close verdict over Angelo Marsianti, 133, of Marseille; Albert Williams, 133, El Dorado, Ark., battered out a verdict over Tiger Ibreham, 134-pound Frenchman, in a lightweight setto; Joe Mitchell, 141, of Newark, N. J., registered a T.K.O. triumph over Wilbert Odoms, 139, of Jersey City, in the second round, and Clarence Marshall, 135, another Jersey pugilist, defeated Kid Padavini, a Marseille product, in another lightweight encounter.

On the same night at Marseille, a crowd of 8000 attended the opening boxing show at the St. Victoret Staging Area when Max Smith, 180, Quincy, Ill., decisioned Hobart Fort, 178, of Forrest City, Ark., in the main event.

The results: Bob Greenawalt, 123, drew with Ted Holton, 121; Harry Kennedy, 145, bowed to Walter Nowick, 145; Mike Prestie, 153, decisioned Billy Hargraves, 157; Harry Yates, 165, drew with Jimmy Franklin, 151; Bob De Amicis, 138, decisioned Johnny Phelps, 136.

Also, Billy Griffiths, 151, beat Willis Welbank, 156; Chris Pagis, 149, whipped Sam Gorea, 149.

Surprise fight of the evening was a slugfest in which James Martindale, 145, and Lou Iskowitz, 142, battled to a draw.

BOXING NEWS FROM PARIS

By PFC. JACK SCHWARTZ

PARIS, FRANCE—In the ring at La Croix De Berny, under a blistering Paris July sun, Marcel Cerdan, European welter and middleweight champion and champion at the Allied troop tourneys at Rome and Algiers, pounded out a rough-tough 10-round decision over the veteran and somewhat aged, Edouard Tenet. Cerdan is a great infighter and provides plenty of punching in his fights.

Cerdan, fighting in close, hooked short blows to head and body of the cagy Tenet whenever there was an opening. In the ninth round, Cerdan connected with some terrific blows, Tenet came back with a rally that opened a cut over one of Cerdan's optics. It is expected that Cerdan will meet Robert Charron, middleweight champ of France next.

In the other fights, Ray Famechon beat Tison in a tame fight, and Di Cristo beat Germain Perez on points.

Three amateur fights opened the show which was well-attended.

Pfc. Billy Proctor, Veteran ETO puncher from Harrisburg, Pa., added another victim to his string when he outpointed Sgt. Ray King of Marlowe, Okla., in Paris. It was Proctor's 20th consecutive triumph.

Pfc. Costello Cruz, former Pacific Coast light-heavyweight champion, and Pfc. Jimmy Britt, former Midwest champ, fought a three-round exhibition at an open air arena near Rheims.

Left Hooks—Cpl. Archie Hatcher, former lightweight pro from Independence, Kans., is now stationed in Greenland. . . . It's now Sgt. Verne La Cross, the former California puncher having received a one-stripe promotion last month. . . . The Inter-Allied boxing tournament will be held in Paris shortly. A lot of fine pugilists will show their wares, and the winners will have to be good men, make no mistake about that. Sgt. Buddy Gomer and Sgt. Verne La Cross won't be seen in action. Both these crack middleweights have retired. . . . It's about the umpteenth time that Gomer has retired, but he says it's for good this time.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

BOXING in this sector during the past two months has been staged in Rochester, Albany and Binghamton. Not a single show was presented in Syracuse, despite attractive plans of Onondaga Sports, Inc., who had intended to put on a series of outdoor cards at MacArthur Stadium. As we go to press, all is quiet on the local fistic front and it is not likely Syracuse will have boxing during the fast waning summer season.

At Rochester, Joe Lotta presented a five-bout card, which saw Eddie Smith, 140, Rochester, the winner over Bobby McIntire, 140½, Detroit, by a margin of one point, in the eight-round windup. Commissioner Eddie Eagan's new point system gave Smith 16 points to 15 for the Detroiter. Johnny Virgo, 139½, Rochester, knocked out Joe Miller, 140, Buffalo, in 45 seconds of the first round. Ossie Sussman, 140½, Rochester, outpointed Irish Ray Miller, 139½, Ellwood City, Pa., six rounds. Freddie Patterson, 151, Rochester, knocked out Roy Crews, 154½, Ellwood City, Pa., 1:20 of the second round. Mansfield Driscoll, 154½, Detroit, knocked out Howard Ghee, 161, Rochester, fourth round.

At Binghamton, Lloyd Welsh had bad luck with an uninteresting main bout bracketing Speedy Du Vall, 159½, Philadelphia, and Berlie Lanier, 166, New York. Du Vall took the decision at the end of 10 rounds, doing what little fighting was done. Lanier appeared big and strong enough to annihilate Speedy if he tried. But Berlie was not in a fighting mood and didn't try. Joey Kushner, 130, Syracuse, took a hairline duke over Chuck Hall, 132, Lackawanna, in the six-round semi. Hall held Joey even for four sessions, but lost two heats to the hard thumping Syracusan.

Results of the other Bingo bouts: Joe Mullins, 119, Wilkes-Barre, took a clean-cut decision over Nick Ruggeri, 120, Endicott, in four rounds. Art Gregory, 199, Sampson, knocked out Al "Bud" Mitchell, 189, Buffalo, in 1:45 of the fourth round. Joey Neil, 128, Albany, knocked out Hal Arrington, 130, Binghamton, in 2:50 of the second round. Armand Avelano, 170, Endicott, defeated Eddie McGhee, 165, Syracuse, four rounds.

At Albany, Mario Torres, 131, Puerto Rico, decisioned Paulie Jackson, 134½, Reading, Pa., in 10 rounds. Vinnie Vines, 157½, Schenectady, outpointed Jay Paganelli, 160½, Newark, in eight rounds.

Lloyd Welsh had better luck with a second Binghamton fistic offering. Tommy (Tee) Hubert, 162½, Washington, D. C., carried too much ack-ack for Bobby Giles, 162, hard-punching Buffalo slugger, and flattened the Bison City kayoer in 2:47 of the second round. It was scheduled for 10, with Giles a hot favorite to win. It required two minutes of the third round for Joey Kushner, 132, Syracuse, to catch up with Little Palmo, 133, of Mexico. Joey knocked Palmo down twice and out, in this session, but had to fight to do it. Palmo had a lot of stuff until Kushner got the range.

Other Bingo results, this card: Eddie Anderson, 140, Binghamton, knocked out Marty Barber, 140, Wilkes-Barre, in the second round. Armand Avelano, 170, Endicott, was awarded a T.K.O. over Eddie McGhee, 166, Syracuse, when the latter refused to answer the bell for the second round. McGhee claimed an injured mitt and was supported by the club physician. Aster Rice, 147, Binghamton, outslugged Charley Moore, 146½, Binghamton, to win a wild six-rounder. Leo Dundee, 168, Endicott vet, kayoed Freddie Sallus, 175, Syracuse, in the second of a scheduled four. Bud Scouten, 144½, Binghamton, scored a T.K.O. over Ike Cunningham, 147, Binghamton, in the third of the opening round. Referee Wazzo Kocak stopped it with Cunningham helpless on the ropes.

Death of two well-known upstate boxing men was recorded during the past month. Moe Myers, veteran Albany boxing promoter, a figure in the fistic sport in the Capital District for several decades, passed away suddenly, the victim of a heart attack. Moe was the man who brought out such fighters as: Nick Testo, Frankie LaFay, Jabez White, Red Mack, Frankie Lauriette, Butch O'Hagan, and other other worthy ringmen of their ability, during the early Walker-law days.

Tommy Cooper, better known to the ring world as Tommy Dixon, died in Syracuse following a long illness. Tommy was a boxer of no mean ability during his younger days. He operated the Dixon-Rogers gym for boxers here, for a number of years with Mike Rogers. Cooper was a deputy sheriff with the Onondaga County office for the past twelve years, and had no connection with boxing during that period, other than being a great fight fan. Tommy, however, did many favors for boxing and boxers and will be sadly missed by his legion of friends.

LEFT HOOKS: The mail pouch was overflowing again this month so we are using the postcard method of reply. . . .If we haven't got around to your query as yet, hang on to the ropes, as we will answer. . . . This column is only one of our many pursuits. . . . Ralph DeJohn, home on leave, was accompanied by his wife, a gal he met, fell in love with and married, in Honolulu. . . . It's DeJohn's second go at wedlock and he thoroughly enjoyed his return home after three years abroad. . . . 'Tis said Ralph turned down some $30,000 worth of ring offers on the grounds he was home from the war for a rest and honeymoon. . . . Billy Pierce, former crack middleweight boxer, and one-time fistic instructor at Manlius Military Academy, is sports editor of the Endicott *Daily Bulletin*, and doing a swell job.

Upstate amateur boxers appeared on a television boxing card staged by WRGB at Schenectady. Freddie Lee, Rome welter, outpointed Jerry Walsh, Syracuse, in the five-round star bout. . . . Other televised scraps resulted as follows: Harold Victory, Syracuse welter, stopped Bob Franklyn, Albany, in the second; Buck Horn, Schenectady bantam, beat Georgie Decker, Schenectady (3); Dave Celberti, Schenectady feather, kayoed Earl Irving, Nassau (1); Jimmy Jones, Albany lightweight, kayoed Ike Peer, Rome (1); Bob Slade, Syracuse lightweight, beat Lou Balone, Schenectady (3), and Billy Franklyn, Albany middleweight, kayoed Bob McCalla, Rome (1). . . . Tommy Hylands, the Syracuse welterweight, who looks like a scholar out of the ring, is a real "toughie" inside the hemp with a lot of punishing power. . . . Claude (Golden Boy) Hale, former ace Buffalo middleweight, fresh out of the service, is now driving a tractor-trailer truck out of Buffalo.

Reason for Syracuse having no promised summer boxing is said to be because the firm of Schindler, Swiderski and Leonard have other interests at the moment. . . . Irv Robbins is developing a new heavyweight (name unknown), and expects to unveil him during the indoor leather tossing season. . . . A fan, Seaman 1/c Aubry U. Mayse, stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, is anxious to obtain two books: "The Roar of the Crowd" and "The Life of Bat Nelson." . . . If any of our readers know where he can get either or both, kindly write this correspondent at 503 Fellows Avenue, Syracuse 10, N. Y. . . . Jimmy (The Pharmacist) Alpert thinks Rocky Graziano is a coming champ, thinks him better than Ray (Sugar) Robinson. . . . Jackie Brady is doing nicely in Miami, Fla., with a gym and reducing parlor. . . . Archie Ajemian, former local promoter, has a good 16mm movie of the Ken Overlin-Ralph DeJohn fight which took place here a few years back. . . . Lt. Rico Woyciejes, three times Eastern intercollegiate middleweight boxing champ, who has been with the Marines the last three years, has a brother, Capt. Michael Woyciejes who will answer the call of the college ring soon. . . . Capt. Mike, 23, with the AAF, has flown 69,300 combat miles as a bombardier in the Pacific. . . . He plans to enroll at Syracuse University when he receives his discharge this month. . . . First Lieut. Billy Shaw, Jr., after 13 months combat duty as pilot of a B-17 Fortress with the 8th A.A.F., in England, enjoyed a 35-day leave home and is quartered at Sioux City Army Air Field, Sioux City, South Dakota, at this writing. . . . Lt. Bill heads soon for California.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

HIGHLIGHT of the month's boxing program in local rings, was a ten-round bout for the state welterweight title between Robert Simmons and Sparky Reynolds, both Indianapolis mitt-tossers. The contest won by Simmons in a split decision, was a nip-and-tuck fracas during the entire bout. The decision was unpopular. This corner scored for Reynolds as did most of the newspapermen at the ringside. Weights: Simmons, 144; Reynolds, 143.

A. C. Lee, local lightweight, won over Robert Beamon in a six-round languid semi-final bout. Lee held Beamon at bay with long overhand rights, although his opponent was best at infighting.

Jimmy Martin, Chicago, 141, won over Tiger Kiggins, 141, in six rounds, and Garfield Foster, local heavyweight, outpointed Big Boy Griggsby, Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, in four.

Gene Mickens, 213, also of the army base at Baer Field, suffered an unusual knockout at the hands of Cy Ellison, 185, of Chicago in a four-rounder. Mickens, leading by a comfortable margin, was dumped to the apron of the ring in the second round by a light Ellison blow and became entangled in the ropes on arising. However, when the ten-count was reached, he was still in a prone position.

Bud Cottey, former outstanding local welterweight, is in Indianapolis after receiving a discharge from the army under the point system. Cottey served overseas two years and received the silver star for gallantry when he helped to extinguish a fire which threatened to blow up an ammunition dump in Italy. According to his former manager, Tom Leeper, he is uncertain on his fighting plans for the future. Cottey won the junior welterweight championship of the world in December, 1941 (recognized by the A.F.B.), an organization since dissolved. He saw service in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. He entered the service in September, 1942, was stationed at Ft. Harrison and Fort Bragg before going over seas.

Colion Chaney, hard-punching local Negro heavyweight, banged out a well-earned ten-round decision over Lindy Elliott, Chicago, in a feature attraction at the downtown outdoor Sports Arena. Chaney spotted his opponent 25 pounds, but didn't lose a single round. The local mauler knocked Elliott through the ropes for a three-count and scored with a one-two wallop again in the eighth round to send the visitor reeling to the canvas for a nine-count.

Chaney weighed 190; Elliott 215.

Ted Christie, Chicago lightweight, chalked up his fifth straight win here by trouncing Bob Beamon, a local lad, over the six-round route in the semi-final. Christie gave his opponent a thorough beating and had Beamon down for two short counts.

Billy Sullivan, Chicago light-heavy, sported a wide edge in weight and reach to win over Arnold Deer, Indianapolis, in six rounds.

Both scheduled four-round preliminaries ended shortly when A. C. Lee, local lightweight, knocked out Bobby Lee, Chicago, in two, and Gene Roberts, Chicago bantam, won by a T.K.O. over Ralph Turpin of Indianapolis in the first round.

Noble (Kid) Chissell, formerly prominent in local pugilistic circles before he became a movie actor, is currently appearing in "Law of the Lead," a forthcoming Hollywood western. Chissell has appeared in several movie hits, namely: "Home in Indiana," "The Leather Pushers," "Jealousy," and others. Before going to the west coast to be a cinema star he conducted this column, as well as appearing in local rings.

Colion Chaney in his second appearance at the Sports Arena during the month, knocked out Cy Ellison, Chicago heavyweight, in the second round. Ellison was also down for a nine-count in the second session before the knockout. Chaney scaled 190; Ellison 185.

Ted Christie, Chicago lightweight, won a six-round decision from A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, in the top semi-final bout.

Ernie Derho, Ft. Harrison welterweight, after being down three times in the first round, fought back gamely to gain a draw with Jimmy Martin of Chicago in four rounds.

Sparky Reynolds, classy local welterweight, knocked out Bishop Murphy in round three of a scheduled six-round tiff.

In the opener Garfield Foster, local Negro heavyweight, dropped Charles Reed six times and gained a technical knockout in the second round.

This corner has received several requests for further information on Tommy O'Connell, Ft. Wayne, Ind., lad now assisting Billy Conn in Paris at the Army University of Athletics. He was born in Chicago, where he started boxing as an amateur at the age of sixteen. He came to Ft. Wayne in the late twenties and turned pro. Boxing in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and later in California, he had more than 200 bouts. Since his induction into the army he has supervised sports events of all kinds. His manager was Buck Mathias, who handled many outstanding Indiana belters and who supplied us with above information.

PROFILE: Number Five in a series of interviews with local boxing figures deals with Fred DeBorde, recently appointed deputy boxing commissioner in the Indianapolis area by the new state athletic commission. DeBorde is also active in amateur circles, being Indiana A.A.U. boxing chairman. Veteran of World War I, he also pilots a local American Legion baseball team. For years he has been one of the chief factors in the promotion of successful Golden Gloves tournaments here. DeBorde, restaurant operator, has also won acclaim as a competent fight judge.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

WAYNE ARMSTRONG, welterweight, who appeared on the boxing card in Minneapolis when Tommy O'Loughlin was the promoter, has been winning all his fights down in Texas and Mexico.

Wally Holm, Minneapolis lightweight in the Marines, is home on a furlough after having seen action in the South Pacific. Wally was wounded but is in good shape again. Here is a kid who likes to fight and if the war doesn't last too long, he will be giving any of the lightweights a fight when he returns to action.

Coast Guardsman Emil Horton of Springfield, Minn., boxed with Marine Pfc. David Marsh of Silver Creek, Wash., aboard a Coast Guard troop transport and Jack Dempsey was the third man in the ring.

Billy Defoe, featherweight from the Twin Cities in 1915, was a visitor here in St. Paul.

The Twin Cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, will start running shows in September. They are natural boxing centers, for the fans from this section have seen many of the nation's great fighters developed here. Foremost among them are Mike and Tom Gibbons, Billy Miske, Mike O'Dowd, world's middleweight champion; Jock Malone, Johnny Tillman, Johnny and Mike Ertle, King Tut, Fred Fulton, My Sullivan, Billy Light, Al Van Ryan and many other good boys.

Leo Ryan, a good boxer 25 years ago, has developed into one of the nation's foremost trainers. He is the trainer of Jackie Graves, Austin featherweight.

Lou Sangor, Milwaukee fight manager, has a good lightweight in Al Jordan.

Ed Strangler Lewis, former world's wrestling champion, is the boxing promoter at Eau Claire, Wis. . . . . Tony Stecher, Minneapolis promoter, is one of the best amateur golfers around the Northwest. Tony also is a bowler of note. And one of the best liked guys in the boxing racket. Tony's word is his bond, and what more can a fellow ask for in the boxing business?

The American Legion of Pipestone, Minn., has been granted a boxing franchise and will put on amateur boxing shows.

Jackie Graves, the Pride of Austin, Minn., is now rated No. 8 by Nat Fleischer in THE RING Magazine. His wins over Harry Jeffra, Tony Olivera and Baby Gonzales show that Jackie can meet the best boys and give a good account of himself.

At Rochester Fair Grounds, Minn.—Jackie Graves, 124, won the decision in ten rounds over Jose Robles, Detroit, 121, in a great fight. Graves had Robles on the deck eight times in the ten-rounder and would have knocked him out, but sore hands let Robles stay the distance. Mike Sternberg, the popular promoter of Rochester, staged the fight that drew a crowd of 4000 people.

Glen Spotts, Mankato, Minn., specialist in the Navy and a former Golden Gloves champion of the Northwest in the heavyweight class, won the 13th Naval District heavyweight championship by knocking out Ben Maiden in three rounds of a tournament held in Seattle, Wash. Spotts was a policeman in Mankato when he joined the Navy in 1943.

Johnny Deotis, Minneapolis, former boxer and state referee, is boxing coach at the Seattle base where Spotts is stationed.

One of the best referees in the state at the present time is Johnny Stanton of Minneapolis.

Booker Ellis, former Golden Gloves champion from St. Paul, 1941, is in the Navy and is stationed on the West Coast. Ellis boxes main events in Tacoma, Wash.

Attention, professional and amateur fighters who are returning to civilian life from the service: Contact Billy Colbert, Gibbons Gym, Hamm Bldg., St. Paul, Minn., for a continuance of your boxing career. My address: 281 Farrington Ave. and Hamm Bldg. Send your record and picture. Phone Ga 2920, Ce 1841.

Johnny Ertle, bantamweight champion in 1917, has a son, John, Jr., in the Navy. He is stationed in the South Pacific.

Maurice (Red) Benson, featherweight from St. Paul, is in the Marines. He writes from the Philippines that he is getting ready for the big push. Red was the runnerup in the St. Paul Golden Gloves in 1945 and gave a good account of himself.

Floyd Hagan, St. Paul lightweight, now in the Navy, is stationed in San Francisco. He is one of the hardest punchers in the game. As an amateur, he scored 45 knockouts in 50 fights. In his first 20 professional bouts, he scored 19 knockouts. He holds two knockouts over Harvey Dubbs, Detroit lightweight, in the first and second rounds.

Henry Schaft, the Minneapolis middleweight, has received his honorable discharge from the Marines after being wounded in the South Pacific. He is now working in Chicago, Ill.

Carl Paulus, South St. Paul star amateur lightweight, has left for the Pacific Coast to work in the shipyards.

Johnny McCarthy, the heavyweight from Stone Lake, Wis., is in the Philippines with the Marines.

Don't forget to subscribe to THE RING and send it to the boys in the service. Send in your news to Billy Colbert, Hamm Bldg., before the fifth of the month. Would like to hear from Minnesota boxers in the service.

Johnny Tillman, the old Minneapolis welterweight, is the boxing coach at the boys' home in Glen Lake, Minneapolis. Johnny engaged in over 400 fights with all the best welterweights of his time.

Karl Ogren, former promoter and manager of fighters, is expected back from the Maritime Service in the near future.

Earl Kane, trainer and coach at the De La Salle High School, is getting his boys in shape for next season.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
By DANNY MYERS

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., turned out in throngs on July 23 to witness the presentation of Harry "Marine" DeVore and Capt. John R. Craig, promoters, and Danny Myers, matchmaker. It looks as if the above trio is really going places on the fistic horizon in Huntington.

Everett "Sparky" Reynolds, 143, Indianapolis, Ind., a product of the Huntington *Advertiser* Golden Gloves, was the winner over Tommy Daniels, 134, Pittsburgh, via a K.O. when Daniels was counted out by Referee Kid Layman in the fifth stanza. This bout was the top half of a double wind-up of eight rounds.

The battlers started throwing leather at the opening gong and continued until the end. In the third round, Reynolds caught Daniels under the chin with his head and threw a hard overhand right that caught Daniels on the Adam's apple. Daniels went down, but came back up at the count of six and continued to mix with the ever-charging Reynolds and several times Daniels rocked his shorter opponent with hard hooks and uppercuts.

Both boys came out fast for the fifth and were on even terms when "The Spark" flicked out another left beside the Daniels' larynx and Daniels went down and was counted out.

The other eight-round bout found Harry Rose, 120, Huntington, W. Va., taking all that the popular A. C. "Ace" Lee, 125, Indianapolis, Ind., had to offer, but lost the verdict.

Bucky Collins, 130, Huntington, W. Va., was awarded the six-round decision over his home town rival, also a 130-pounder, in the person of Brown Lee. There was never a dull moment in the Collins-Lee match. Many fans were standing on their chairs or whooping it up as the boys tossed caution to the winds. The decision was very popular. In West Virginia the officials consist of three judges, a timekeeper, a knockdown timekeeper, a preliminary referee and main bout referee.

The main preliminary was also a knockdown affair with a substitute taking the place of Arnold Deer of Indianapolis, Ind., who suffered an injury to several ribs in training. Tom Leeper, the Indianapolis manager, brought an equally good substitute in the person of Kid Bartley, 153, of Indianapolis, Ind., to battle Billy Jackson, 160, Huntington, W. Va. Bartley was awarded the six-round decision and but for the bell, Bartley would have won by a K.O.

The four-round opener found Gene Banfield, 141, Huntington, W. Va., winning the duke from Kid Adkins, 139, also of Huntington, W. Va. Dick Poag opened the show with his usual battle royal boys and Dick was in there to see that every rule was carried out. Dick worked the bout as a referee.

Managers, if you have talent that can and will fight and you wish to show them in Huntington, W. Va., contact the writer, who is the matchmaker, at 3304 Spring Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Phone day or night, 3-4103. Send records, clippings, pictures, color and weights of those that you want to send to Huntington and send them with your first letter.

WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

JIMMY GONZALES, one of the best grapplers developed in the Islands, finally broke the sensational winning streak of another local athlete, Vilai Su'a, after the latter had won about nine bouts in a row. Smaller of the two, Jimmy had to resort to his greater experience and science to pin his more powerful opponent. Jimmy is now the toast of the town. He not only stopped Vilai, but only a couple of weeks ago, he took on Bad Man Sammy Cohen and won convincingly. Anyone who can make the Bad Man look bad is a local hero.

Vilai Su'a, though defeated, did not lose very much of his prestige and certainly none of his popularity. He is still comparatively new to the game and his rise from preliminary to main event billing has been covered in the shortest time possible. A little more experience and he'll be right up there on top again.

Two promising new prospects are Wallace Tsutsumi and Francis Rawlins. The former is a judo expert, who is now learning the finer art of professional grappling from Kaimon Kudo. He is learning fast and will bear watching. Francis Rawlins is a former Honolulu policeman who found the lure of the mat too great to resist. He is coming along nicely and will be ready for the better wrestlers before long.

The great influx of local athletes to the pro wrestling game is bound to become extremely evident during the post-war period when many of them could be touring the mainland. Before the war Hawaii could boast of only about two wrestlers who could hold their own with the best, but it will be an entirely different story after the war. Even now there are at least half a dozen local grapplers, locally developed, who'll not disgrace themselves were they to meet the best in the game.

Al Karasick recently celebrated his 53rd birthday. Orchids to the genial promoter, who is known by nearly everyone in the Islands. At the time this is being written, Al is away on a trip to the mainland. If at all possible, he'll bring home a couple of well-known wrestlers to liven up the game.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

GEORGE "SUGAR" COSTNER, who has made a few top fights here in Columbus and is now rated as the leading welterweight in Ohio, put the skids under Mike Sopko, a Chicago battler, in four rounds via the K.O. route.

Roy Lewis, who is now a policeman on the Muncie, Indiana, force, had little trouble in stopping Bobby Lee in the first round.

Leo Garrette, Cleveland lightweight, is a good prospect. He belted out Irish Miller in three at Pittsburgh, Pa. Irish gave him plenty of opposition while he was in there and it was a good scrap. Mickey Quack of Pittsburgh was given the unanimous decision over Ozzie Peguese of Youngstown, O., in four rounds. Both these fighters never fail to please. Billy Russell dropped the duke to Eugene Burton of New York in eight. It was a good fight. Burton came in at 138 and Russell at 131, and it seemed like too much weight for Russell to carry, especially with a good rated fighter.

Jimmy Clay, a great little flyweight, who used to perform around Columbus a few years back, is working in a defense plant now. He was one of the big favorites at the old Jungle Imps Arena on South Parsons Avenue, and the arena was packed when Jimmy was featured.

Lou Bloom, former leading lightweight of Ohio, and at one time a contender for lightweight honors, is working at Curtis Wright's aviation plant. Bloom made a real hit when he went to Australia with Al Haft a few years ago, where he beat some good fighters.

Harry Eagles, who is promoting shows in St. Louis, looks like he is on the right track to put the boxing business back on its feet there.

Jack White, matchmaker for the boxing shows at Hickey Park in Pittsburgh, Pa., is also planning to promote weekly wrestling shows there.

Ed Steinmetz, who promoted at the Twentieth Century Sporting Club Arena on Lockbourne Road in Columbus, Ohio, has moved to Indian Lakes. Steinmetz said he would promote no more shows until after the gas rationing is lifted.

Toney Florio, a former featherweight fighter, is now with the AP news service in Columbus. Toney used to be a pretty good glove tosser. Tony Stecher, Minneapolis fight and wrestling promoter, has closed for the season.

Chris Cline, the matchmaker for the Charles Kanneys Sports Promoting, Inc., of Dayton, Ohio, was out telling the fight fans and the whole of Dayton, that he has the fight game back on its feet. Cline's first show was a good fight throughout, but the promoters lost plenty. The next show, July 6, was better financially. Jimmy Hampton of Buffalo, N. Y., 137, beat Steve Bellus of Canada, 133, in ten rounds packed full of action. Both boys tried hard until the final bell for a knockout.

The semi-final was a brawl between Wild Oscar Boyd of Buffalo, N. Y., and Larry Cartright (Gene Gudgill) of Dayton, Ohio, a pretty fair southpaw. The weight was, Boyd, 160, and Cartright, 158. Boyd was given the nod after eight hectic rounds.

In another prelim, Charlie Hall of Buffalo grabbed the duke from Chuck Ackworth of London, Ontario, in a six-rounder. They are featherweights. Kenny Johnson, Dayton entry in the heavyweight class, had little trouble in winning over Al Mitchel, also of Canada, in six.

The opener, a four-rounder between Irish Bob Flannigan and Duke Ellington, was won by Flannigan. The Irishman won the nod.

Billy Russell, the Buckeye buzz bomb, had a fight called against him that he never lost. The fight was between Bobby McIntire, Detroit, Mich., and Russell, at St. Paul on the 27th of June. Dick Cullum, who writes for the *Minneapolis Dispatch*, said that just four people thought Russell lost the duke, this being Referee Billy McCabe, Judges Bobby Ward and Jack Gibbons and the man that was taking off the cash at the hot dog stand while the main go was going on. All the rest said Mr. Cullum thought Russell won. The fight was staged in the Auditorium at St. Paul, Minn.

Lee Hammond, the bad luck veteran fight promoter, not only came to bat with a boxing show on July 12, but he also had a surprise fight much to the enjoyment of the fans who have been regular patrons of Lee's shows. Sugar Costner, the hard-hitting Cincinnati welterweight, who has been going along at a fast clip, ran into a tartar when he was matched with one Pvt. Oscar Suggs. Suggs a few years back, was a good fighter and he has met a lot of good fighters, and according to his showing with one of the leading welterweights of this part of the country, he still is a good fighter, though he lost in ten.

The six-round semi-final was put on second in order to let Cpl. Dick Cook get a train to get back to Camp Atterbury in time to keep off the kitchen detail. Cpl. Cook was matched with Jimmy Ainsworth of Akron, Ohio. It was a slam-bang scrap, and was very close and after six hectic rounds, the fight was called a draw.

Willie Cutsinger of Cincinnati, Ohio, who recently was discharged from the Army, made a good showing in his first fight for several months. He carried too many guns for Carl Janke, who, with a little more experience, will give a lot of the fighters a run for their dough. Janke is from Batavia, Ohio, and this was his first pro fight. He was beaten no doubt, but he was trying all the time. He hit Cutsinger with some good punches and was game to the core. Cutsinger was given the nod.

Lonny Boyd, Dayton, Ohio, dropped a close decision to Oliver Cobbins of Cincinnati in four heats. Plenty of action in this bout.

Whitey Wueben, Dayton, Ohio, light-heavyweight, was supposed to have met Dave Patterson of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a six-rounder, but Patterson decided to stay at home, so Hammond was forced to substitute Ken Johnson of Dayton for Patterson. Johnson, who has a lot more experience than Wueben, got the nod.

Baby Bert Lytell is living in Columbus and is under the management of Charley Seward, and can be booked through the writer. He weighs 148 pounds and is a good action fighter.

The Northern A. C. Gymnasium on Herman Avenue in Dayton invites fighters to stop and train at this well-equipped gymnasium. They will find plenty of good sparring partners on hand.

Chris Cline, the new fight promoter in Dayton, O., has bought the contract of Billy Pappas of Philadelphia. Pappas is a light-heavy.

Mr. Collins, the wrestling promoter of Dayton, O., packs them in every Tuesday night. His new arena is a dandy and one of the best equipped sports arenas in the middlewest.

Buddy Walker, the best heavyweight to represent Columbus for some time, dropped a close decision to Hubert Hood at Chicago on July 9.

Bennie Droll, good-looking white middleweight, who is under the direction of Dani Buckley, can be booked through the writer in this vicinity. Droll has won fourteen fights in fifteen starts as a pro.

Georgie Goldberg, a good middleweight of Columbus before the war, is back from the Islands on a well-deserved furlough. Goldberg has seen some real action. He has been in the thick of it ever since the beginning of the fight. Goldberg, who has won a lot of easy fights here at home, says this one with the Japs is plenty tough.

Edy Harrison, better known in the boxing business as Young Browney, is now stationed at Fort Knox. Since leaving Columbus two years ago, Edy did not have a lot of time to engage in boxing, but a clipping received shows that he has won five fights in the service and was awarded a miniature boxing statue of a boxer for winning the championship of the 617th Bomb Squadron. Edy is a tail gunner of a B-25. He was just recently promoted to corporal.

Promoter Chuck Kanney and his matchmaker, Chris Cline, staged their third show of the summer season on July 20, topping Johnny Green, Buffalo, N. Y., welterweight, and Cpl. Tippy Dumas of the Canadian Army, and Green scored a kayo in the third.

The semi-final between Billy Pappas, a Greek light-heavyweight of Philadelphia, but now making his home in Dayton, and Bobby Giles of Buffalo, ended in the second with the Greek the winner over Giles by a K.O. in the second.

Ken Johnson, Dayton's entry in the heavyweight division, scored a four-round T.K.O. over tough Harry Daniels of Buffalo. The referee stopped the bout.

The first six-rounder was between Steve Bellus of London, Ontario, and Johnny Thomas of Buffalo. Thomas won the duke.

The fight between Sammy Muscato of Buffalo, N. Y., and Irish Bob Flannigan of Ontario should have been the main go. It was a slugging match and Flannigan won, but Muscato was trying right up to the last punch.

Lou Young, popular fight trainer, manager and promoter, who has been absent from Dayton for some time, was back in town to see the show.

Willie Russell, after losing a close decision to Major Jones in the Major's home town on July 17 at Kansas City, Kansas, dropped in at St. Louis on the 20th and T.K.O.'ed Lefty Chilo, the little Mexican lightweight, in the sixth.

Johnny Loccesario is eager to put some of his fighters in this part of the country. He has Roy Nulph, 138, Roy Crews, 152, Assie Peg Uese, 120, Willie Davis, 168, and Irish Billy Miller, 135, all good action boys. Reach him through the writer.

I received a letter from Dayton telling me that Pvt. Johnny McGowan of Dayton, O., was the winner of the Golden Glove tournament at Sheppard Field, Texas, and was recently crowned lightweight champion of China. Johnny is a graduate of Stivers High School in Dayton.

Jimmie Doyle, the fighting Irishman from Los Angeles, dropped in on Cleveland long enough to give Tommy Bell a pasting in ten rounds.

Billy Pappas, former light-heavyweight of Philadelphia, but now under the management of Chris Cline at Dayton, got off to a nice start when he put the skids under Bobby Giles of Buffalo in two heats. Pappas has the makings of a top fighter.

Lucky Jordan, formerly of Detroit, who recently was discharged from the army, is in Columbus and will do his fighting under the writer's management.

Jimmy "Red" Ainscough, Akron, Ohio's flashy little lightweight, scored a good victory over Ray Nulph of Ellwood City, in Pittsburgh at the Hickey Park on July 25.

Rudy Zadel, Akron, Ohio, welterweight, lost a tough one at Cleveland to Johnny Virgo. The bout was stopped in 2:47 in the fifth round.

Earl Mock, Akron, Ohio, heavyweight, made a hit on the same card when he put the skids under Tom Walsh, big Negro heavyweight from Chicago, in the second.

Al Sauls, a flyweight who gave a good account of himself in the amateurs here last winter, is in the Navy a few months.

Jackie Taylor, one of the best featherweights hereabouts, has been in the Army for three years. He is stationed out in the Islands some place, and according to his letter to the writer, he will not be home for some time.

All information pertaining to fights in this part of the country will be answered providing there is postage enclosed. Write Less Huffman, Route 1, Pickerington, Ohio. All fight results have to be in by the 4th of the month to the above address.

WISCONSIN NEWS

By SGT. RAY HELING

BACK with a decided bang, came boxing to Milwaukee fight followers, and being in proper hands all the way around the boxing profession, is sure to stay, providing these men of concern do not sour a good deal. Fight results for July are as follows:

Izzy Jannazzo, 151, New York, defeated Charley Parham, 151, Milwaukee.

Vecie Van, 171¾, Milwaukee, knocked out Gene Simmons, Indianapolis, 2:25 of the second round.

Nunzio Ferraro, 149, Milwaukee, defeated Jimmy Martin, 142½, Gary, Ind., six rounds.

Frankie Gaudes, 132¾, Milwaukee, defeated Eddie Carson, 137, Chicago (6).

Sgt. Ray McKnight, 160, Milwaukee, knocked out Jimmy Raymond, 146, Chicago, 1:40 of the third round.

Tom Pate, 174¾, Milwaukee, T.K.O. winner over Ted Newsome, 167, Gary, Ind., 1:45 of first round.

Attendance, 4735. Receipts after Federal tax, $8269.50.

On July 31 at the ball park, young Jimmy Scheerer, Joey Sangor's protege, boxed carefully to defeat Billy Parsons of Chicago in the top spot of ten rounds. They are welters. The semi found Al Jordan win over veteran Bobby McIntyre of Detroit in eight rounds.

While in Milwaukee visit Eddie Metrie's gym at 750 N. Third Street. Metrie has a popular place for the sporting men and all are welcome.

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IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THE warm weather in this Puget Sound City has hindered the boxing business to some extent. However, in the not too far distance, Promoter Will Maylon will again start matching the boys into action, at his club. . . . Abe Houch, Brooklyn, N. Y., lightie, now stationed at nearby Fort Lewis, has been getting in a few training licks at the Amundsen Gym. Pvt. Houch is under the direction of Tony Canzi, New York manager. . . . Donnie Bush, young Tacoma lightweight who got off to a sizzling start on the Maylon shows before entering the Army, is still located at Camp Roberts, California.

Tommy Passmore, the young eighteen year old welterweight of this city, has joined the U.S. Navy, and is now in boot training at the San Diego Base, California. Young Tommy has a lot on the ball in regards to fight ability. . . . To you former Lincoln High School boys now in the various branches of the services—Walter Arnestad, who was quite an athlete at Lincoln, showed on a boxing card in Manila, P. I. Walter outpointed a Filipino boy. Walter's younger brother, Buster, who is under the care of this writer, is fast developing into a fine future boxing star. . . . The writer recently received a letter from Sgt. Chas. Lesemann. The Sgt. is now in Manila, P. I.

Tacoma and Spokane, are still the only cities in Washington State which are holding professional boxing programs. Over in Spokane, Matchmaker Joey August is doing a bang-up job for the Victory Sporting Club.

Promoter Maylon, plans on moving his future fistic doings into the spacious State Armory, which is one of the best in the nation. . . . Buster Arnestad, Tacoma's future boxing gem, is noticeably adding weight and filling out in the right places. The youngster will hit his 17th birthday come next November. Experienced ring heads say this boy is a carbon copy of Jimmy McLarnin, ex-welter champ, and might bring to Tacoma another world title.

Ray Beeson, an amateur boxer of featherweight poundage from this city was killed in action on Okinawa land. Tacoma amateur followers were always satisfied with Ray's showings.

Dick Ross, fine-looking Tacoma 175 pound youngster, made his first showing in Seattle, July 31, scoring a one round knockout over a Seattle boy.

IN PITTSBURGH RINGS
By FRANK McQUAIDE, JR.

ANOTHER milestone in a brilliant career has been reached by Juste Fontaine, Milwaukee lightweight protege of Fritzie Zivic. The petite Frenchman added the veteran Pedro Hernandez of Cuba to his knockout list when the referee stopped the scheduled ten-round bout in 2:16 of the fifth round with Hernandez helpless after taking a four count in the second round and a two and six count in the fifth. Referee McTiernan did the right thing in stopping the bout. Hernandez was Fontaine's third successive victim in as many fights, Maxie Shapiro and Jimmy Hatcher having gone down before the blows of the sensationally hard-hitting Fontaine.

In defeating Hernandez, Juste fought like a veteran. Fontaine's boxing ability surprised the fans who have come to know him as a slugger with only a fair amount of boxing science, but against Hernandez, he cleverly mixed boxing with slugging and the result was a fan-pleasing bout.

Fontaine weighed 136, Hernandez, 133.

Frankie Abrams, Fontaine's stablemate, scored an impressive victory over Sparkie Reynolds of Indianapolis, in an 8-round, thrill-packed semi-final. The fans were on their feet, cheering wildly for the popular Abrams, after he had won the most spectacular fight of his young career. In fact, the bout was so impressive, that the fans were still cheering when Fontaine and Hernandez entered the ring for the main bout.

Abrams weighed 150½, Reynolds, 145.

In scheduled four-rounders, Jack Besselman of Pittsburgh, 146, beat Roy Crews of Ellwood City in a close bout. Fred Bailey of Uniontown, 172, and Henry Jackson, 168, of Steubenville, Ohio, battled to a draw. Art (Bomber) Brown, 190, of Pittsburgh, spotted Joe Basset, 231, of New Kensington, 41 pounds and technically stopped him in 1:50 seconds of the second round, and Irish Ray Miller, 135, Ellwood City, won over Jimmy Anderson, 134, of McKeesport.

The show grossed $4,196 and the net was $3,734.07.

Doll Rafferty of Milwaukee, stopped Sammy Parrotta of Pittsburgh, at Hickey Park on July 23, in the ninth round of a scheduled ten round bout. Parrotta, a game fighter, charged into his opponent at the opening bell, and ran smack into disaster from the gloves of the wily Rafferty. Rights to the chin floored Sammy for a seven count in the first round. From then on it was all Rafferty excluding the third when Parrotta stayed in close to score body blows. Parrotta's face was so badly swollen at the end of the eighth round that Danny Ryan, Parrotta's trainer, told Referee Red Robinson that his charge had had enough. Rafferty weighed 134¼, Parrotta, 132.

On July 30, Bobby Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, beat Frankie Abrams but he did not win by much in the ten round main bout at Hickey Park. It was the third time the boys have met. The two previous bouts ended in draws.

Both started cautiously with Simmons piling up the most points in the early rounds. He opened a cut over Frankie's right eye in the fourth. In the fifth, Abrams came to life and from then on the action was fast and furious with leather flying all over the ring. A hard right floored Abrams for a nine count in the sixth round but Frankie got up and fought back gamely.

The seventh and eighth rounds went to Simmons, but Abrams connected with Simmons' chin in the ninth, knocking the Indianapolis boy to the canvas and sending the strictly partisan crowd into near hysteria. Simmons got up and was able to ward off the kayo-hungry Abrams and keep his lead intact until the final gong.

It took Referee Freddie Mastrean's vote to decide the issue after the judges had disagreed. Willie Davies voting for Abrams and Freddie Lux for Simmons.

Simmons weighed 146½, Abrams 145.

Mickey Quack, 120, popular Pittsburgher, extended his winning streak to eleven straight in what was scheduled to be a six round semi-final when he knocked out Guy Lucas, Canton, Ohio, featherweight, in 1:44 of the first round with a devastating left hook to the body. Lucas was substituting for Eddie Hines of Pittsburgh, who was ailing with a broken rib.

Johnny Worthey, Homeville, Pa., 141, winner of his twelve previous bouts, found 13 an unlucky number. Jack Besselman, 145, Pittsburgh welterweight, floored Worthey once in the second and twice in the fourth round before Referee McGovern awarded the fight to Besselman.

In a free for all, Henry Jackson, 168, Steubenville, Ohio, won over Fred Bailey, 170, Uniontown, Pa.

In the opener, Charley Young Zivic, 152, Pittsburgh, knocked out Rockey Edge, 154, also of Pittsburgh, in 2:21 of the first round.

In the eight round semi-final, Mickey Quack repeated two previous wins over Ossie Peguese. The two preliminaries found Jimmy Ainscough of Akron, defeating Ray Nulph of Pittsburgh, in six rounds, and Willie Davies, Youngstown heavyweight, knocked out Earl Mook of Akron in the second round. Ainscough had Nulph down for a nine count in the first round.

NEWS FROM FLORIDA
By VELASQUES

TAMPA—Hugo Flores, Puerto Rican bantam bomber, punched out a clean cut victory over Petey Bolos, Detroit, in 10 rounds. This was a rematch. Bolos having won the first bout. Flores had little trouble with Bolos although the latter took the third, fourth and fifth rounds after losing the first two. Flores won the last five rounds easily after flooring Bolos twice and almost knocking him out in the sixth.

Irish Eddie Dunne, after losing two bouts to Buster Carroll, the Southern middleweight champion, was no match for Ray Atkins, Drew Field, who stopped him in three rounds.

Baby Chino, West Tampa, made it four straight by stopping Hank Roque in five rounds.

Battling Nick won from Johnny Aers in a six rounder, and Jack Simon topped Jackie Gray in four rounds.

The Raymond brothers fought a draw in a three round exhibition.

Miami—Jack Larrimore, 143, Miami, defeated Billy Moore, 141½, in ten rounds.

Miami—Clarence Cotton King, West Palm Beach, 138, stopped Armand Michaud, 136, Montreal, in six rounds.

Phil Terranova, ex-feather champion, wants $3500 to fight Hugo Flores in Tampa. Local promoters no doubt are looking elsewhere for ring talent for local opposition.

Tampa—Manny Gomez, 145, West Tampa, who won the Florida welter title from Jack Larrimore recently, was no match for the veteran Buster Carroll, 150, Jacksonville. Carroll took six rounds with Gomez taking four.

Al Fern, 135, West Tampa, won the unanimous decision over Red Bryant, 150, Plant City, in eight rounds. After the decision was announced, Bryant struck Fern twice and started a free-for-all at the ringside which ended with Bryant being taken to jail. Bryant also was fined $50 by The American Legion Commission. Bryant was also suspended indefinitely.

George Smith, 152, MacDill Field, won over Jimmy "Red" Young in six rounds.

Bill Scolar, 150, Tampa, stopped Battling Oscar, 145, West Tampa, in three rounds. Oscar, an old time favorite, is now in the Navy.

Little Tony, 110, West Tampa, won by a TKO over Albert Martinez, 115, Key West. K.O. Rojas won a four round decision from Little Jesse.

Out of State results—Vincent Jones, Tampa, 153, won over Willis Scott, 154, New York, in eight rounds.

Jimmy "Shamus" O'Brien, Tampa, 178, was stopped in nine rounds by Georgie Parks, 185.

Eddie Unknown Winston, 205, Florida veteran, now making a comeback, stopped Johnny Davis, 187, in the first round.

John Thomas, 183, Florida, won from Abel Cestac, 221, sturdy, hard-punching heavy from Argentina. Thomas was dropped three times, once in the second and twice in the fifth. The decision was first given to Cestac, but was later reversed and given to Thomas.

Carl "Red" Guggino, one of the best boxers ever to come out of Florida has been discharged from the Navy.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

PROMOTERS Billy Poole, Jack Brown and George Nichols made a grand start on the night of July 18th at the Parkway Arena in Cincinnati. A real crowd was on hand for the initial offering of No. 2 Cincinnati boxing club. In the double windup of 10 rounds, Gene Simmons of Indianapolis won the decision over Buddy Rose, Ft. Thomas, Ky., while in the other ten, Bobby McIntire drew with Bobby Simmons of Indianapolis, Ind. Both bouts were hard fought with the decisions popular with the fans present. All are middleweights.

The night of July 25th the Amateur Boxers Trainers' Association of Greater Cincinnati staged an all star program at the Parkway Arena. Good matches prevailed throughout with Pink Bitter looking the best prospect of the evening at novice.

Promoter Chris Cline at Dayton, O., on July 12 staged an action filled fight card with Sugar Costner, Cincinnati, winning from Oscar Suggs of Providence, R. I., in the 10 round main event. Willie Cutsinger, Cincinnati, defeated Carl Janke in a four round preliminary. All are middleweights.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots—THE RING is strictly the best seller wherever you go. . . . In a jaunt down to Louisville, this writer found it difficult to even get near a copy . . . reason . . . sellouts. . . . Incidentally Louisville may soon get started with McKay Bonner, a good hustler fronting for a big local money man. . . . Mac would be a good matchmaker for he has that boxing asset in knowing all the answers and the angles. . . . Dan Morris, Columbus, O., welterweight wrestler of note, is in the armed services. Thanks for your letter from England. . . . One of the most hustling of managers in these parts is Less Hoffman of Columbus, O., who has his boys fighting just about every night in the week and Less' boys always come through with action. . . . Merle Richards of Detroit brought in Bobby McIntire for the Simmons fight and this writer was glad to have met both for the first time . . . as you know Bobby is Michigan correspondent for THE RING. . . . Red Ainscough of the Joe Basco Barberton stable looks like the STUFF which just about covers everything . . . another good one in the Basco barn is Earl Mook a young 17 year old heavyweight. . . . Dayton has a good light-heavyweight comer in Kenny Johnson, handled by the popular Lee Hammond. . . . George Murphy is doing a swell job as Secretary of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission and it is a big help on Mr. Murphy's part that Cincinnati is starting to enjoy another boxing boom . . . good work George. . . . Cricket Helson, former great local bantam is now boxing instructor at a Navy station on the east shores. . . . George Gainford of New York is anxious to show his boys over this way . . . add on this Bill Miller of the big town. . . . Bobby Powell, Russelville, Ky., heavyweight, expects to return to ring wars this fall . . . he is now located in Cleveland, O. . . . Owensboro, Ky., after a long lapse of fight activity resumed operations with welter champion Red Cochrane featured in the match. . . . Northern Kentucky is rumored to get going this indoor season. . . . Those interested in securing my flashes fight service for one year at one dollar can do so by addressing this writer at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio . . . this address also available for fighters who want action around here. . . . Jack Davis, former Cincinnati welter, is doing okay on the west coast, where, at Los Angeles he is managing fighters. . . . Sam Thompson the writingest kid this writer ever read, will soon become partner in a nation wide sports news syndicate . . . newspapers wanting crackerjack sport copy for their paper, please note. . . . The Jose Basora versus Dave Clark match planned for Cincinnati in latter August went buzzing out when Manager Chris Dundee of Basora asked five grand for Jose's services. . . . Dave Clark is pointing Pittsburgh way for action. . . . Eddy Johnson, veteran Cincinnati manager has settled down in Cincy again and you can look for plenty of action from the Johnson stable which is headed by Sugar Costner and Hershel Joiner. . . . Pat Iabucci, a newcomer lightie looks awful sweet. . . . Cliff McWhirter, Canadian star of a few years ago will handle Steve Bellus here for his fight with Corp. Dick Cook . . . while the latter will be handled by Sgt. Ray Heling. . . . See you next month and let's hear from all of you.

On July 20 at St. Louis, Mo., on a Wallach-Eagles promotion at Kiel Stadium, Dave Clark, Cincinnati middleweight star, stepped another notch up the ladder when he scored the 10 round decision over Amando Rodriguez of Mexico in 10 rounds. Abe Skurow, who manages Clark, was in his corner.

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